

**WCMH-TV  
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**Community Issues & Programming Report  
2nd Quarter 2007  
April 1- June 30, 2007**

**The following issues have been identified by WCMH-TV to be of concern to the Columbus, Ohio DMA**

- 1. Community/Downtown Development**
- 2. Drug Abuse**
- 3. Education**
- 4. Housing/Day Care**
- 5. Transportation/Infrastructure**
- 6. Health & Human Services**
- 7. Crime & Criminal Justice**
- 8. Youth/Family/Elderly**
- 9. Minority**
- 10. Employment**
- 11. Environment**
- 12. Cultural Arts**

## NBC 4, COLUMBUS, OHIO

### QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

April 1 – June 30, 2007

NBC 4 attempts to serve the public interest by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in central Ohio. The following is a brief description of some of the segments and programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of those issues during the second quarter (April 1, 2007 – June 30, 2007), including the title of the program or segment, its length, date, and duration of the broadcast.

**Public Service Announcements**--:04 ID, :10, :15, :20, and :30 lengths; these short-form segments offer community awareness about an organization that serves a specific issue or publicizes one of the organization's fund-raising efforts.

**NBC 4 Today, NBC 4 Midday, NBC 4 at 5, NBC 4 at 6, NBC 4 at 11, NBC 4 Today Weekend Edition at 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturdays and at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sundays, and NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition and NBC 4 at 11 Weekend Edition.** Time: 5:00-7:00 a.m., 12:00-1:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:00-6:30 p.m., 11:00-11:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6:00-7:00 a.m. and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 11:00-11:35 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### I. COMMUNITY/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

NBC 4 at 11, April 9, 2007. **New Ballot Rules.** Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner, has sent a list of voting recommendations to every County Board of Elections throughout the State. Effective May 9<sup>th</sup>, no provisional voting will be allowed on an electronic voting machine. Instead those votes will be recorded on paper ballots. Brunner says, the difficulty of recounts and the risks to the secrecy of the ballot will decrease if the provisional ballots are paper only. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 10, 2007. **Summer Safety Initiative.** Last year's Summer Safety Initiative there were more than 2 months of Columbus Police Officers targeting violent crime, drug dealing, assaults, shootings and fighting. This year, the same goals, with more money, nearly a million dollars, means more officers for more time. The officers will be hand selected, working in teams, one team in each of the five police zones, around the city with a sergeant coordinating each unit. Police say this summer they'll be focusing on teen violence, targeting the next generation of criminals. Police are hoping the impact will last long after the summer is over. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 10, 2007. **Newark Fire Battle.** This February 5<sup>th</sup> house fire destroyed Newark City Firefighters Bruce Gutridge's home. Gutridge told NBC 4 a few days later that the Mutual Aid Agreement between Newark City and Newark Township Volunteer Fire Department failed. In a letter set to run in tomorrow's Edition of the Newark Advocate, someone within the Newark Township Volunteer Fire Department places the blame for the loss on Gutridge's home on the Newark City Fire Department. "Several years ago on the run cards, Newark Township asked the Newark City Fire Department to supply Newark Township with a 750 gallon engine for structure fires." Run Cards tell 9-11 dispatchers how much water a fire department carries in its tanker trucks. The letter goes on to explain why Mutual Aid was not requested from Newark City in the Gutridge fire. "An issue has been raised as to why the closest Newark Station, Newark City Station 2 on Hollander Street is no on the run card. The answer is Newark City Fire Department ladder 2, the truck that carries the water at station 2, only has a water capacity of 450 gallons." 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 11, 2007. **Campus Cameras.** From across the street to tops of buildings, camera after camera keeps a close eye on OSU's South Campus Gateway area. Stephen Sterrett with Campus Partners tells NBC 4 his organization's cameras have been there since the beginning of the development in an effort to curb crime in an urban area and now a possible tool in finding who may have committed a violent crime in the area just last weekend. Police tell us late Saturday night a woman was robbed, abducted and then reportedly raped just a street away near 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and High Street. Now Sterrett tells us Columbus Police Detectives are coming to them for help. Students we spoke with say they have mixed feelings on the subject, some saying it's a way to stay safe, others say it's intrusive. As for the cameras solving crime, OSU says the eyes on the area won't go away. 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 17, 2007. **Guns Laws Change.** 23 year-old Choe Sung-Wee bought 2 guns , a 22 caliber and a 9 millimeter semi-automatic and did it legally. According to the Virginia State Police website, to buy a gun, Choe had to prove

lawful immigrant status, establish he was a resident and resided in the state for at least 90 days, which he did. A background check is required by Virginia law, so the question is should more be done to toughen gun laws? Ohio is a carry concealed weapon state. You may recall, Mayor Michael Coleman's gun initiative. He wanted to keep guns out of city parks and away from the bad guys. But now state law overrides the city ordinance. Robert Cornwell, Exec. Director Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, met with others to discuss the fact that new gun regulation could be proposed as early as next week because of the Virginia Tech tragedy. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 23, 2007. 7 Million in Streets. Streets all over Columbus will be seeing a piece of a 7 million dollars pie thanks to City Council. Tonight they voted to spend the money on resurfacing parts of Cleveland Avenue and also Hudson Street at Hamilton Avenue. Also there will be major changes for the initial stages of the Hilliard Rome Road improvement projects and the Alum Creek Drive improvement project. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 24, 2007. Imminent Domain. A local family was awarded 2.3 million dollars today, all because they fought imminent domain. Imminent domain allows a government to take a citizen's land if it's for the greater good and residents are paid for the property. But 74 year-old Mildred Fry says 657 thousand dollars for her 10 acres of land in Jersey Township wasn't enough. So she took it to court and for years she has been arguing her case. Today she won. :23 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 3, 2007. South Side Meeting. City Council Members are hoping to open up the lines of communication to area neighborhoods. Tonight, they are inviting residents of the south side to discuss issues relating to neighborhood safety and more. That meeting begins at 5 o'clock at the Barack Recreation Center on East Woodrow Avenue. :18 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 7, 2007. Parking Downtown. Inside the Main Bar downtown, there are thousands of songs on the juke box and hundreds of parking spaces outside. That's all about to change. There will still be the thousands of juke box songs, but the number of parking lots will dramatically decrease due to downtown development. It is something happening throughout downtown, thousands of spaces are about to be turned into office buildings and condos. Tonight City Council approved \$50,000 for a study on parking. Council members say it won't be just another report telling them what they already know. To give you an idea how many parking spaces are needed: there are only 88 parking spaces dedicated to all the workers in 4 of the largest office buildings downtown. And back at the Main Bar, patrons will have fewer spaces to park, but they'll keep just as many songs on the juke box. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 9, 2007. Breaking Up Precinct 18. Today top police officials met with the Columbus Police Chief about a proposal that would break 2 of the busiest precincts into 4 separate areas. Precinct 18 is the busiest in Columbus, with nearly 76,000 runs last year. There are 13 officers in cruisers, covering 10 miles. Police say it's a dangerous situation, and that's why a new proposal in front of Chief Jackson will split the precinct at I-270. The proposal would also split Precinct 14 at Livingston Avenue, Precinct 14 had 66,000 runs last year, and is the second largest precinct. A decision could come this week. :36 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 11, 2007. Northland Mall. The site of the old Northland Mall is getting a breath of new life. The mall announced today that a Menard's will be moving in. If you aren't familiar with Menard's, it is a home improvement store. The groundbreaking is tentatively set for 2008. Menard's is expected to open in the spring of 2009. The entire Northland Village complex is expected to bring in over 800 jobs, it's going to cost 80 million to build, 19.4 million of which is city taxpayer dollars. :27 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 14, 2007. Lincoln Theatre. The historic Lincoln Theatre on East Long Street is receiving millions of dollars to refurbish the interior. A collapse in part of the roof ruined the interior. All of the seats have been taken out. Tonight Columbus City Council accepted 4 million dollars from the County to help with the renovation. The City has approved an additional 4 million. :22 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 17, 2007. Property Value Fight. Jon Whittlin has watched his family grow since settling into this home several years ago. As the housing market cooled in the area he lived, Whittlin expected he would only receive a modest jump in his property value. But he was shocked when the County raised the assessed value of his Atlanta area home from about \$250,000 to \$350,000. After a letter writing campaign, he appeared before his Assessor's Board to argue his case and was successful in getting the value back down to about \$250,000. He says he saved more than \$1,000 a year. In Franklin County, appraisals are done every 6 years, with an update done every 3 years. Residents will get that update next year. The Auditors Board of Revision hears formal complaints on property valuation and appraisals. They ask you to gather information about your home and will make changes based on what they find. You must file between December and March each year and then a hearing will be scheduled. 1:33 in length

- NBC 4 at Midday, May 24, 2007.      **Woodland Meadows.** Today the city of Columbus will begin the massive demolition of Woodland Meadows. Woodland Meadows is a 52 acre derelict apartment complex on the east side, just south of 670. Crews are clearing asbestos out of the 122 buildings. The complex has been an eyesore for years. Last year a Franklin County Judge ordered the apartments to be demolished on the city's tab. Now the .4 million dollar demolition process is underway. :28 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, May 28, 2007.      **Substation.** What began as an argument between a nightclub security guard and a few customers who didn't want to pay, ended on the other side of town. After leaving the club on East Dublin-Granville Road, the security guard spotted a white van following him. Looking for help, he pulled into a Columbus Police Substation #8 on Sullivant Avenue. But when he got out of his car, the suspects ran their vehicle into him and into his vehicle as well. The victim was pinned, his right leg broke, then the suspects in the van backed up and took off. The victim came to this door, and started banging on the door waiting for an answer but that answer never came. He banged so hard that he broke the glass, but a police car in the parking lot doesn't necessarily mean that's an officer inside. Unfortunately they don't have the staff to have an officer sit in the substation 24/7. A returning police officer later discovered the man collapsed in the parking lot. He was taken to Mt. Carmel Hospital and treated for his broken leg. Police say if you're being followed, the best bet is to call 911 and report your location. But stay in your car, and if you don't have a phone, find a well-lit parking lot with people. 1:13 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 31, 2007.      **Newark Farm.** Charlotte and Mike Nutter have a good life here in the country. They only have to pay \$250 per month rent to live on 5 acres, which abuts another 50 of forest in northern Licking County. This could all change soon, the property's owner recently died. In her will she left this property to the Mother Teresa Foundation. The executor of her will has filed a lawsuit claiming she has been unable to find an organization of that name and the deceased owner left no contact information. So the Nutters are worried that they'll not only have to leave the property, but that their landlady's wishes will not be fulfilled. But whether a Mother Teresa Foundation steps forward or not, the Nutters believe their time left on the land is coming to an end. 1:01 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, June 4, 2007.      **Council Capital Improvements.** Tonight on City Council's agenda, Columbus Leaders release their proposed improvement package. Two weeks ago Columbus Mayor Mike Coleman announced his 818 million dollars improvement plan. Council worked with the City Finance Department and wants an additional 11.8 million dollars for a variety of projects, including a Community Health Center and a mobile Police Command Substation. :30 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, June 4, 2007.      **Parking and Improvements.** The city needs more parking meters. It's out of meters, so it's planning on a pilot program here in the short north. Tonight Columbus City Council voted to spend, spend, spend. It's all part of the process between the Mayor and Council to decide on a final budget. The money is already in store for capital improvements, more sidewalks in the Columbus College of Art and Design, and money for Community Health Clinics. Parks will be getting more money, \$15,000 along for Franklin Park. There's \$125,000 for more dog parks. \$300,000 is being spent for a series of refurbished Police Mobile Command Substations which will be used while responding to neighborhood emergencies. 1:09 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, June 6, 2007.      **Open Court House.** This is the design for the new Franklin County Court House. A seven floor eco-friendly home for the County's Justice System that Commissioner Marilyn Brown says has outgrown its current building. The building should be completed by 2010 and sit next to the current Court House. The estimated cost 104 million dollar, designing the building to be as efficient as possible. Groundbreaking for the high tech building, could happen as soon as July. 1:03 in length
- NBC4 at 6, June 7, 2007.      **Delaware Sheriff Meeting.** Memo from Delaware County Sheriff's Office: "Not being a person of vast computer crime training or laws as related to public or private access to porn, I was unaware if tracking the origin of theses movies is possible. Is prosecution a consideration? Please review these activities if nothing less than to establish an intelligence gathering file.." 22 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, June 11, 2007.      **Hydrant Flushing.** Columbus Firefighters are working on "Phase Two" of a hydrant flushing program today. Areas in Phase Two include downtown, German Village, Franklinton and the Hilltonia areas. On the northeast side, the Little Turtle area, the Polaris area, Easton and the Northland areas will also be affected. Residents can call the Hydrant Hotline at 645-4055 to get a message about the specific areas listed for that day's flushing. Your water could become cloudy, but that is temporary and not a health concern. :31 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, June 11, 2007      **City Hop Tour.** Imagine no property taxes, no ward work and no commute burning expensive gas. For thousands in Columbus, moving downtown is a no-brainer. If you've ever thought about downsizing to a downtown condo, this weekends, your chance to tour them all. The Annual City Hop Tour now has shuttle service to take you to each of the 22 condo properties on the market. This morning we toured Cityview at 3<sup>rd</sup>, a renovated shoe factor, transformed into luxury



condos. The buildings been developed by Spectrum Properties and President Bill Shelby says more empty nesters and young professionals are dumping their homes in the suburbs and taking the plunge. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 12, 2007. No Gambling in State. At today's news conference Governor Strickland and Attorney General, Marc Dann asked the legislature for a ban that would prohibit gamin machines from popping up around the state. This is their plan, no cash payouts allowed, if vouchers are used the limit would be \$10 and companies can not pay a winner with tobacco, liquor or firearms. While the two are getting tough on gaming, they don't want to take off the fun out of amusement parks and other kid friendly businesses. Both the Governor and the Attorney General say Ohioans want this. It was last November that voters struck down casino gambling in Ohio that would include installing slot machines in race tracks throughout the state. :55 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 13, 2007. Fire Training. There's nothing like on the job training and that's exactly what some elected officials from Columbus and Franklin County got. Columbus Council members just this week approved more than 8 million dollars to expand the city's fire training facility. Here at the State Fire Academy they witnessed various scenarios that go into training. Things like thermal vision cameras, to help see through smoke and the Jaws of Life used at accidents. :50 in length

## II. DRUG ABUSE

NBC 4 at 11, April 18, 2007. Perry County Meth. At this house on Main Street near downtown New Lexington , Perry County, detectives made yet another meth bust. Among those arrested was Joshua Emrick, he has been arrested by Sgt. Lee Hawks, an undercover detective more times that he can remember. Always for meth and he's always back out on the street within days. It is a common scenario in the world of meth dealing and meth arrests in rural Ohio. Meth dealers usually go back to work making more meth. In this case Hawks says Emrick was hiding in the attic of the house under some insulation, there was meth apparatus through out. So he was arrested again. Hawks is hoping Emrick stays in jail this time. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 19, 2007. County Teens Drugs. Good news for teens and parents in Franklin County, drug use is down especially when it comes to smoking, drinking or using marijuana. But it's not all good news, the Franklin County Sheriff's office figures show prescription drug use is up and kids are using the internet as a learning tool to find out how to mix different drugs to get high. The Sheriff's office does have a program to help educate parents about the new types of drugs. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 27, 2007. FBI DEA Drug Bust. A million dollars worth of heroin will never be sold here in Central Ohio. Tomas Gonzalez was arrested after agents say they found nearly 11 pounds of high grade Mexican brown heroin. DEA agent Tony Moratta says the heroin was broken down and ready to be sold in Central Ohio, and would have been worth a million dollars on the streets. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 4, 2007. Ross Drug Raid. A 3 day county wide drug sweep netted 128 arrests in just the last 24 hours for the Ross County Sheriff's office. Sheriff Ron Nichols tells NBC 4 that marijuana, Oxycontin and crack cocaine was seized. During the last year's 3 day sweep there were 1300 arrests and Nichols says this year they are hoping for the same success. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 5, 2007. Whitehall Drug Bust. Guns, drugs and cold hard cash. All of this was found in a home right across the street from a local school. The home of Whitehall resident Willis Spencer was raided this morning. Neighbors say, despite cars coming and going from Spencer's house, he seemed pretty quiet. :15 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 11, 2007. Oxycontin Addiction. The makers of this powerful painkiller Oxycontin pleaded guilty to misleading the public about the drug's risk of addiction. Three current and former executives also pleaded guilty. A U.S. Attorney said the executives and Purdue Pharma L.P. will pay 635 million dollars in fines. Earlier this week, the company agreed to pay more than 19 million dollars to settle complaints that it encouraged doctors to over prescribe Oxycontin. :28 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 17, 2007. Oxycontin AG Moncy. When a case settles with billions of dollars it's a good day. The taxpayers are made whole with refunds of that size. Ohio will get more than 900 thousand dollars out of a lawsuit settlement. Purdue Pharma, the makers of the painkiller Oxycontin, pleaded guilty to misleading the public about the drug's addiction risks and agreed to pay millions to several states. A spokesperson for Ohio's Attorney General says the money will go back to the Federal Government to cover Medicaid and Medicare costs and to fund other investigations. :38 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 23, 2007. Maryhaven Pills. Prescription pill abuse is on the rise. That's according to drug addiction experts where in central Ohio. They say part of the reason is that these types of drugs are very easy to get. Yesterday Portsmouth Dr. Paul Volkman and 2 of his staff members were charged with illegally distributing excessive amounts of painkillers including Oxycontin. Federal prosecutors say his acts have led to at least 14 deaths. Addiction counselors say the highly addictive drugs are prominent in rural parts of the state. :32 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 26, 2007. Candy Meth Worthington. The difference between candy and flavored meth, a form of the highly addictive drug, crystal methamphetamine, flavored meth is sometimes called "Strawberry Quick". Police say it's a mix of crystal meth, strawberry flavoring, and a pink color additive, making the drug look and taste like hard candy or the popular "Pop Rocks" candy. Police say they have not seen Strawberry quick in central Ohio. That it's on the west coast but the principal of evening street Elementary in Worthington is taking pro-active approach. This week, Principal Chris Collaros sent and e-mail to parents, warning them about the new form of crystal meth called "strawberry quick" and asking parents to dust off the "never take candy from a stranger talk" Something that one Worthington parent has already done. 1:02 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 30, 2007. Millions in Marijuana. A massive marijuana farming operation hidden deep in the woods, accessible only by ATVs. At least 10,000 plants, many cultivated from seedlings to be transplanted later. A sophisticated operation with the suspects setting up for the summer season inside a well stocked tent. The discovery was purely by accident. A wildlife area manager was out here studying salamanders and noticed a tent, camping is illegal in this state protected area. He called a supervisor and they went back out and stumbled on the plants. Multiple agencies including the DEA, have monitored the site for 2 weeks, but the suspects never returned, perhaps realizing their cover was blown. Still Agents here say it'll go down as one of the states largest illegal drug discoveries. 1:02 in length

NBC at 11, May 31, 2007. Teenagers Drinking Allowance. Parents, here's a good excuse for to raise your children's allowance. A new study of more than 10,000 14 and 16 year-olds finds teenagers who have more pocket money, tend to drink alcohol more often than teens who have a small allowance. 86% of the surveyed teens had tried alcohol. The study also found those who drank alcohol with their parents in a family environment were less likely to binge drink. :26 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 5, 2007. Guernsey County Pot Chase. It was just after 6 last Thursday when a Trooper noticed this Ford Taurus missing its front license plate as the Trooper tried to pull over 29 year-old Zachary Yochum. He took off along I-70 in Guernsey County, As Yochum turned off the highway and into New Concord, and he began throwing things out of the car. Troopers say he first threw out phone and electric bills. Then a jar full of marijuana, and then, that's not paper that's money! Troopers laid out stop sticks and hit one of the tires. But Yochum continued until he lost control and flipped over an embankment. Inside the car, the Highway Patrol found 14 potted marijuana plants all in his Grandma's Ford Taurus. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 5, 2007. Athens Port Raid. It looked like a bit city drug bust. There were drugs, there were guns, and there was cash, lots of it. There were also 17 men and women being arrested on felony drug charges. But there was also marijuana and several prescription drugs. This was not a big city drug bust. It was a sweep in and around Gloucester in Athens County. It was a sweep in a town that not many people pay attention to. However, in the past year several people paid attention. Mostly narcotics Officers who learned that these small town trade seemed to be drug trafficking. Now nearly 1% of the town's population has been arrested in 1 day. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 5, 2007. Major Drug Raid. Police converged on 2 scenes just before dark as the 3 month undercover operation netted 5 arrests. One suspect tried to get away, jumping in this pickup truck and leading police on a brief chase at estimated speeds near 100 miles per hour. Officers tackled him quickly when he stopped and tried to run. Cuts and scars were visible on his stomach after the capture on Atcheson Street. Police say he pulled a gun and they fired, no one was hit. This is the truck he was driving, filled with boxes of pot, estimated street value a half-million dollars. Agents say it originated in El Paso, Texas and was driven to Columbus for distribution. Agents say the suspects had attempted to distribute the marijuana in the parking lot of Jay's Bar, but the business had no connection to the crime. Columbus Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency worked together on the 3 month investigation. :59 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Underage Drinking Prevention/Brandon

:30 in length

Aired April 7 only

Underage Drinking Prevention/Emily

:30 in length

Aired June 23 only

### III. EDUCATION

- NBC 4 at 5, April 4, 2007.      Ocean Classroom Program. When Jasmine Zellars set out to explore the ocean classroom program, she figured it would be a lot like spring break. While many kids are on spring break, this Walnut Ridge Senior stepped aboard the "Spirit of Massachusetts" as a crew member. She didn't know anyone, she didn't know sailing, and the British Virgin Islands were a long way away from central Ohio. The educators on boards the schooner teach traditional academic subjects, but everything, like navigation and math, is learned through life as a sailor. As a crew member Jasmine did everything from setting the sails to plotting a course, to cleaning the ship. It's an experience she says changed her life. 1:13 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, April 9, 2007.      Enterprise High School Prom. It's been an emotional spring for students at Enterprise High School in Alabama. March 1<sup>st</sup> the school was hit by a powerful tornado that killed 8 students, but classmates are renewing their zest for life, starting with dazzling tuxedos and evenings gowns. Yes, it's prom night. Their prom theme is memories, "Caught in a Moment." Communities across the country have made donations to help make this a special night. :27 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, April 11, 2007.      Getting into College. More than 22,000 people applied to OSU this year. Only about 12,000 of them got in. That's a 55% acceptance rate, 10% lower than last year. In the Ivy League, Harvard, Yale and Princeton reportedly have turned away applicants with perfect SAT scores and 4.0 GPA's. Admissions experts say 15% of colleges are turning down more than half of the applications they receive. One of the issues is the growing population. More kids are graduating and want to go to college. Plus more people are using the "Common Application." It's an online form that makes it easier for one student to apply to 20 or 30 schools. And that means the colleges have to make some tough choices. There are 13 public, 4 year universities in Ohio. 1:08 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, April 11, 2007.      Water. Water is one of the earth's greatest resources is threatened. First Graders at Cassingham Elementary in Bexley are working to do something about it. These messages on grocery bags reflect how important water is to everyone. The students have studied the origins of water and its importance. They have a new appreciation for preserving this great resource. :19 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, April 17, 2007.      Is Your School Safe. Obviously education is a big thing, security is right up there on the list. "I think parents need to be assured irregardless of where the college is located they need to be safe." Legally any parent and prospective student has a right to know just how safe a college or university is. Thanks to the parents of Jeanne Clery, a Lehigh student, who was murdered in her dorm in 1986, By law, you can check security policies. One thing you want to ask for "Crisis Protocols." Just how the school would handle a situation like the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Each school also has to make available crime statistics, you can get them at Security on Campus. Org. Just type in the name. 1:12 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, April 24, 2007.      Prom Drinking. Upper Arlington High School's prom was supposed to be a magical night at the Lifestyle's Communities Pavilion on Saturday. Instead Principal Kip Greenhill turned 125 kids away, before they even stepped in the door. After being tipped off by a limo driver, schools officials searched through 10 or 11 limos and found alcohol in 8 or 9. The alcohol was taken, student's names written down and each of the students riding in those limos was sent home. A hand full have now been suspended, and the principle says more suspensions are on the way, as the investigation continues. Parents are still finding out about the fiasco, some don't agree with how it's being handled. The principal is standing firm, and says, if there's ever another instance like this, there will be no more dances. 1:13 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, April 30, 2007.      Columbus School Troubles. A Senior at Linden McKinley says lately he's been harassed along with other students like him, for trying to get an education. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, a fight broke out at the school, it ended in a shoot out just down the street. Now the Columbus Police mounted unit is part of a new enforcement initiative outside local high schools to prevent crimes. They say the most crucial time to be visible is just after school lets out. Their goal is to break up any groups of people and prevent fights. 1:04 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, May 1, 2007.      Newark Levy. Newark City Schools will be in crisis if the up-coming income tax renewal is not passed according to the Superintendent. Voters need to know this is not the November ballot re-visited, it's the income tax we approved and renewed in 2002. It's a 1% income tax on Federal taxes only and it would not be an increase or a new tax. Residents would continue to pay what they're already paying. The money goes for the general operations fund, salaries, textbooks, computers. The district lost the property tax on the November ballot, which meant they had to make 5.1 million dollars in cuts. It means lost jobs and programs. If this levy is not renewed, it will mean taking out a loan and making more cuts, starting in January. :50 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, My 2, 2007.      Corneal Disease. Tahanda Hawkins shares reading duties with her students in her classroom at Clinton Elementary. But 2 years ago, at the age of 28 the words in Tahanda's own life novel were disappearing off the page.

Astigmatism turned into a corneal disease and she was losing her eyesight. Without a cornea transplant she would become blind and likely have to give up the careers that she loves. Through the Lion's Eye Bank Tahanda received a cornea and went through with the transplant. Life hasn't been the same since. Tahanda sees the world in a whole new way. She is a daily example of courage for her students. :39 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 4, 2007. OSU Budget. At this hour, Ohio State Trustees are finalizing a plan proposed for the Governor and State lawmakers to keep education affordable. Ohio State has already planned to increase tuition next year by 3%. But there will be no increase at all the following year. If that happens, it would be the first time in 20 years that Ohio State has actually frozen tuition. It's all part of a bi-partisan plan from the Governor and lawmakers to lower the cost of high education. Ohio is below the national average in the number of adults with college degrees. Supporters say the state need more residents to achieve a higher education. :37 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 10, 2007. Girls Bad At Schools. Today at Pickerington Central High School, the School Resource Officer noticed a disturbance. A couple of girls had a fight and there was a rumor that the girls had brought knives to school. The knives were found in a restroom with blades between 6 and 8 inches long. They were brought to school to use if a fight broke out from a neighborhood dispute. A text message went out threatening mass murder, the suspect a young girl. Also today in court, a 16 year-old girl from Westerville South was charged with bringing an air pistol to school yesterday, following an earlier argument in her neighborhood. Girls and violence are a recent phenomena as illustrated in the book "Sugar and Spice are no longer nice." The US Justice Department says one out of every four violent episodes in the country involves teen girls. In the last 20 years the number of aggravated assaults involving teenage girls has doubled. 1:28 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 15, 2007. College Savings. Meet Jacob, at 1 year old, he was already off to a great start. Now at 5, his college piggy bank is filling up. Jacob's Mom and Dad set up a 529 College Saving Plan as soon as he was born. But saving for your own retirement and your children's education can be daunting. Tuitions costs on average now add up to \$15,000 a year for public college, \$30,000 for a private college and are expected to rise 7% each year. So it could easily cost a half a million dollars to attend a 4 year college within the next 15 years. But financial advisors say couples should save for their retirement first. :46 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 29, 2007. Graduation Rate. Why are fewer African American males graduating from Ohio high schools compared to white students? That's the question Governor Ted Strickland and State Senator C.J. Prentiss wants answered. The two will host an Achievement Gap Conference tomorrow. Strickland's office says in 2004 to 2005 only 64.4% of the black males graduate from high school compare to 88.2% white males. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 30, 2007. Columbus Public Schools Bus Problems. A Columbus mother fears for the safety of her child. She says she's never sure where the bus driver will drop him off. Sherri Besmirtnick says he son, 8 year-old James, has had to find his won way home for the last week. She recently enrolled him in the Columbus Public School District and she faced 4 days of problems with the bus. She called the Transportation Department. Jeff Warner, the Columbus Public School Spokesman, says the bus troubles are fairly normal for new students. It takes several days for transportation to catch up with new enrollees. :32 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, June 3, 2007. Newark 13 Year-old Graduate. Marching in with his classmates, Linus Williams looks like another Senior. But at age13, he's the youngest graduate of Newark High School's 2007 class. Linus finished high school in only 2 years. After being home schooled by his Mom, he took top level classes, excelling in every subject, much to the relief of his classmates. Jesse Truett, Principal, Newark High School stated: "We saw him grow up just like a lot of kids except obviously he started younger, The kids like him here, .. good social interactions." As Linus proudly accepts his diploma, you may wonder if he even had time to sleep in high school. "Oh, I've got tons of free time to hang out with friends play video games, sports, to read." Linus heads off to Denison University where he plans to study mathematics and biology. He says he'd like to be a mathematician or a doctor someday. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 6, 2007. Shadow Government Officials. Gahanna Jefferson High School Senior Josh Sargeant doesn't know if he wasn't a career in local government, but for today, he's trying his had in the city's top seat as he shadows Mayor Becky Stinchcomb. 75 students shadow government officials, the local police chief and even the Superintendent of Schools to get a feel for the job. Many of the students are looking at what today's opportunity could bring tomorrow. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 7, 2007. Columbus Academy Composting. Columbus Academy's student Council came up with a very green idea. Beginning next fall, students will sort out the scraps leftover from lunch, and bring them out here to these compost bins. As the food and yard waste breakdown, they'll turn into top soil. Basically, you can compost anything that comes from the ground. There are even compostable plastics. The school hopes composting will save some money. Plus, the Science teachers have instant natural lesson. 1:18 in length



NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, June 10, 2007. OSU Graduation. Celebrating our differences but focusing more on what we have in common, to work together for a better future. This served as the theme for today's OSU Spring Commencement Address by former President Bill Clinton. But first he started off though with a little humor. "People starting cheering and I was so happy and then I heard one man say who's that tall gray-haired guy blocking my view of Archie Griffin." Clinton spoke of ways to create a sense of community to make our world a better place and he compared to the fans at an OSU football game. Clinton spoke about his work with former President Bush on aid for Katrina and Tsunami victims. 1:10 in length

HDTV: The Big Picture aired on May 27 from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Parents V-Chip/Bad Guys

:30 in length

Aired April 7-June 23

Booster Seat Education

:30 in length

Aired April 7-June 23

Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party

:10 in length

Aired May 31-June 7

Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party

:04 in length

Aired June 3-June 6

Summer Reading Club Registration

:04 in length

Aired June 10-June 28

Summer Reading Club Registration

:10 in length

Aired June 13-June 27

Summer Reading Club Registration

:15 in length

Aired June 10-June 29

#### **IV. HOUSING/DAY CARE**

NBC 4 at 11, April 8, 2007. Avoiding Foreclosure. Foreclosure rates are at an all-time high. 2006 saw more than 8,000 here in Franklin County alone. More than 2.1 million Americans with home loans missed at least 1 payment last year because of rising interest rates. Those most affected, subprime borrowers, especially those with adjustable rate mortgages. Experts say these loans are attractive, but very risky. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 10, 2007. New Playground. Some local children are dreaming up their ideal playground, and they'll soon be playing on it. Today children at the Dowd Education Center put their imaginations to work and drew up plans for their dream playground. Designers will use elements from the drawings to build the Centers new community playground. Build a Bear Workshop is funding the project and is building 10 playgrounds across the country with the first here in Columbus. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 10, 2007. Remodeling your home. Now if you're thinking about remodeling your bathroom, it could cost \$13,000, your resale value almost \$10,000. In the end you'll recoup over 11% of the money you invested. Thinking about a minor kitchen remodel, that can cost about \$18,000. Resale value well over \$13,000 and at closing you'll recoup 74%. Remodeling a basement may cost over \$59,000. Experts project your resale value will be over \$37,000 you'll recoup over 62%. But in Ohio you'll get the most out of your money with replacing home siding. It may cost over \$9,000 with resale value over \$7,000 and you'll recoup over 81%. :45 in length



- NBC 4 at 6, April 19, 2007. **Remodeling.** If your home looks like it was peppered with rocks after a hail storm, you'll need repairs. Consumer experts say con-artists know it too. That's why you need to use sound judgment if someone comes to your door offering to make the repairs. Before you permit any work to start, make sure you have a signed contract that includes the start and completion dates with a breakdown of the costs. Make sure you have phone number, street address and license number of the contractor and get references and if you're asked to pay the entire amount up front, that's a red flag. 1:00 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, April 29, 2007. **Smokehouse Study.** Underwriters Laboratories conducted tests comparing fires involving natural fabrics such as leather and cotton to synthetic ones like polyurethane foam and micro fiber. Their conclusion, the synthetic fibers burned much faster and much hotter than natural fiber. So the folks at the UL decided to take another look at the same fire to see exactly what happens to smoke at the very beginning of a fire. They tested 27 different materials commonly found in the home, some of the same materials from these fires to see how they would break down and what type of smoke they would give off. We are told, this information will improve smoke detectors making them detect smoke faster and be able to tell the difference between burning toast and a burning couch. So will that make smoke detectors go off more accurately and sooner. They believe so. Not only will smoke detectors improve, but their location may change too. All this could lead to better, more accurate smoke detectors as well as more flame retardant materials in home furnishings. 1:14 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, April 29, 2007. **Autism Registry.** The first national online Autism Registry brings hope to one central Ohio family. Jo-leen Albanese's 10 year-old son Colby has autism. The Albanese family is one of 1,400 across the nation who log into the on-line study that records daily events in an autism log. :14 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 4, 2007. **Home Remodeling.** Most contractors are honest and perform quality work, but there are scam artists taking advantage of our remodeling impulses. The good news is that you can protect yourself against these scams, in fact, many are easy to detect if you take the time to become an educated savvy customer. Here are key phrases to beware of: I just happen to be working in your neighborhood. I have materials left over from another job. I need cash up front. I have a special offer that's good for today only. Always use caution when they say, they can help you finance the project even before the actual work is discussed. Always get contact information from someone who approaches you. Make sure they're licensed and check references before you commit to a project. :47 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 7, 2007. **Safe Home Expo.** Mike Jackson, Cabot Rea and Amy Basista were on hand with Columbus Police, who talked about ways to protect your home. Lowe's is offering special discounts on essential home security products. The discounts are available at all Columbus location through May 11. :24 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 9, 2007. **Upper Arlington Child Self Defense.** Last week we told you about a 12 year-old boy who says he was abducted near his bus stop. Now police are trying to prevent that from happening by teaching kids how to fight back. Kids between the ages of 6 and 13 learned how to punch, and kick. Upper Arlington Police gave kids several different scenarios and told them what to do. Talk to your kids about who they are allowed to be with alone and Officer Stanko says that list should be short for your younger child. 1:04 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 16, 2007. **Housing Tour.** Community leaders are getting a look today at some of the affordable housing sites available in Columbus. The Columbus Housing Partnership sponsored a bus tour of new and existing sites throughout Columbus. Columbus Housing Partnership is a private nonprofit organization that provides quality affordable housing to low to moderate income households. :23 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, May 18, 2007. **Daycare Death.** A 2 year-old is dead, after being tied up and duct taped at his daycare. Investigators say the daycare worker admitted to tying up the boy's hands and placing duct tape on his mouth because he wouldn't be quiet during nap time. The worker says she later found the boy unconscious. He was taken to the hospital, where he died. The worker was arrested and the center has been closed. Police say a similar complaint was recently filed claiming the same woman had hurt another child. :29 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 21, 2007. **Foreclosure Meeting.** Studies show the Buckeye State has the highest foreclosure rate in the country. Now state leaders are working to reverse that trend. The Ohio Foreclosure Prevention Task Force met today. Task Force Chair, Kimberly Zurz, says predatory lending and unemployment are leading factors in Ohio's high foreclosure rate. Zurz says it is in everyone's best interest to lower the foreclosure rate. :25 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, June 7, 2007. **Home Investors.** Investors are finding there's any place but home. Many people who got out of the stock market to buy homes as investments a few years ago, may wish they hadn't left. Nationally the median price on homes dropped by almost a percent from a year ago. It is expected to go even lower. High interest rates, insurance premiums and property taxes are turning those dream investments into nightmares that aren't selling. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 7, 2007. Home Buying Incentives. A buyer's market means sellers have to take extra steps to make their home stand out. According to the International Association of Home Stagers staging your home, can up your sale price by an extra 7% and helps the house move up to 100 days faster. Like everything else, first impression can make or break a deal. Curb appeal begins with an inviting home, that includes a neat yard and fresh paint that greets perspective buyers. On the inside, let the sun shine, clean all the windows, replace lamps shades with sheer white shades, replace light bulbs with higher wattage. Get rid of your clutter. People can't visualize themselves living there when they can't see past your clutter. Remove all items from closet floors and remove personal objects like family photos. The kitchen is everyone's favorite room in the house so make sure the countertops are clear, wax the floors, update the kitchen knobs and make sure the bathroom is clean. All inexpensive things you can do to move your house faster. 1:06 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Action for Children

:30 in length

Aired May 12-June 15

Action for Children

:15 in length

Aired May 22-June 23

Home Foreclosure Prevention

:30 in length

Aired May 12-June 22

Home Foreclosure Prevention

:15 in length

Aired May 24-June 21

Ronald McDonald House Golf Classic

:15 in length

Aired June 20 only

### **V. TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE**

NBC 4 at 5, April 4, 2007. Gas Prices. Gas Prices are on the rise once again. According to AAA, the average price of gas in central Ohio right now is \$2.60 a gallon. That's up 11 cents in the past month. But Columbus is paying less than most of the country with the national average price around \$2.70 a gallon. :16 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 7, 2007. Plans and Roads. Hot chocolate, scarves, hoods and blankets all part of the scenery on opening night for the Columbus Crew. But Crew fans weren't the only people feeling the chock of this holiday weekend artc blast. At Gallery Hop in the Short North, shoppers walking in the show, had to remind themselves that this is Easter Saturday, not Christmas Eve. State, county and city road crews are ready to respond if roads get slick. The ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) game plan includes 20 trucks ready to drop salt if necessary. Meanwhile, the Easter game plan is changing for some people in chilly central Ohio. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 9, 2007. ODOT Projects. ODOT'S (Ohio Department of Transportation) District 6 runs north to Marion County, south to Pickaway and Fayette counties and west to Madison County. In the next 4 years you're going to see a lot of orange barrels. ODOT is planning to spend more than 20 million dollars to rehab 7 bridges over the Interstate in Morrow County on I-71. 25 million dollars will be spent rebuilding the interchanges in Dublin for 33-161 and Post Road. In 2009, ODOT plans to spend 8.8 million dollars for a major widening project on State Route 257 between Glick Road and 750. In Circleville they'll build a brand new connector for Route 23 and South Court Street. :52 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 12, 2007. Paving the Way. More than 150 road construction projects are coming to freeways and residential streets near you in 2007, a regular and expected occurrence in a growing capital city. A common artery into downtown will be impacted as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street bridges over Nationwide Blvd and Goodale will be repaired. The section of 3<sup>rd</sup> street between the entrance ramps to I-670 and the ramp existing from I-670 will be closed for 50 days. The project should be completed by the fall. West Fifth at Olentangy River road will close for 120 days as a storm sewer construction project will also prevent access to 5<sup>th</sup> from Olentangy. 1:10 in length

- NBC 4 at Midday, April 23, 2007. **Dangerous Intersections.** Cross at your own risk, especially if you're walking against the red light. We found a number of pedestrians doing just that at High and 15<sup>th</sup>. A new list shows it's the intersection with the highest number of accidents involving vehicles hitting pedestrians and bicyclists. Shell McKnight is a regular user of this intersection, both on foot and in the car. She says perhaps that fact this is on the OSU campus adds to the danger. The list of high incident intersections continues with Cleveland at Morse at number 3. Mt. Vernon Avenue at North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, number 4 and rounding out the top five, South High at Fulton. The Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission, or MORPC, lists these as part of a study. It will be given to the city to determine if there are ways to make the crossings safer. Meantime, some folks might still second guess the fact that this crossing at High and 15<sup>th</sup> tops the list. 1:00 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, April 24, 2007. **Skybus.** Taking a cue from NBC's popular game show, "Deal or no Deal" Skybus executives finally unveiled their first 8 non-stop destinations and they say flights start as low as \$10 one way. Bill Diffenderfer stated: "By having the fares so low, more and more people fly, by more and more people flying our costs go lower." Skybus initial flights begin May 22, with destinations of Los Angeles, through Burbank's Bob Hope Airport. Boston, through Portsmouth International Airport in New Hampshire. Kansas City and Richmond Virginia beginning May 23. Skybus joins 3 other discount airlines already up and running in and out of Columbus. 1:09 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, April 29, 2007. **Olentangy Bridge Construction.** Detour sings welcome cyclists here on the Olentangy River Greenway between Bethel Road and Antrim Park. It's an effort to keep them away from this, major construction for a new bridge that will connect to the trail. The entire project is expected to take 4 months to complete. But besides the bad timing, many here tell us they're more concerned about where they end up trying to maneuver around the construction at time ending up on Olentangy River Road. The City says it's doing what it can to improve the bridge and keep everyone happy. In the meantime, Terri Leist, Columbus Recreation and Parks, says she's asking for patience and says an alternative gravel path will be open in Mid-May. 1:15 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 4, 2007. **Gas Prices are crazy.** All drivers are paying more at the pumps, but the rising cost of gasoline means you'll be paying more for other goods and services, too. The owner of Fireside Florist has raised her delivery charge to offset the spike in gas prices. Delivering flowers to Mom's doorstep will cost \$8.50 this Mother's Day, compared to \$6 three years ago. The rising cost of gas has forced a rare price increase at Tommy's Pizza, because the Dublin pizzeria is now paying more for its supplies. Midwest Highway Coach has also raised prices to make up for the bump in gas prices. The charter bus and limo service is busy with prom season and trip to the Kentucky Derby. Renting this limo, \$95 an hour last month is now \$101 an hour. There could be more gas price headaches to come. 1:01 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, May 8, 2007. **Traffic Crackdown.** At the root of all those rush hour problems, illegal parking. Those who park at meters during restricted hours on the major thoroughfares in downtown Columbus not only aggravate and endanger other drivers, they also contribute to unnecessary congestion, especially around parking garages. It's become more of a problem recently, according to the Columbus Police Motorcycle Unit. They're responding to the public's complaints by stepping up enforcement between the hours of 7 to 9 AM. They say it's even worse between 4 and 6 PM. Particularly along 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and Front Streets and Broad, Long and Spring Streets. That means police will tow, as well as ticket any violators. That's \$20 for those in a No Parking zone. The fine is double for those in a No Stopping zone. One citation could cost you up to \$150 and police say it must all be paid up front before they'll give you your car back. :54 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, May 10, 2007. **315 Closed Construction.** As the spring temperatures turn up, so does the frustration of area motorists. On Saturday from 6:30 in the morning until 8 PM, a mile and a half stretch of State Route 315 will be closed in both directions, between Interstate 670 and 70. City crews will work to repair pavement, lay down striping, clean up catch basins and repair highway lights. One of the busiest construction spots in central Ohio is the area on 161 and 270, where traffic has been reduced to 1 lane each way for months. ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) spokesperson Mike Stout says all projects are on schedule and this one should be completed by the end of this year. Today crews work on 71 South to install a portable concrete barrier for the addition of signs. Today's project reduced traffic to 4 lanes. 1:10 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 10, 2007. **Speed Enforcement.** If you live in this northeast side housing development, you better keep a close eye on your speed. The Columbus Police Motorcycle Squad has ticketed dozens of drivers in "The Preserves" just in the past 3 days. The speed limit here? 25 miles per hour. That's because the North Village Homeowners Association complained to Columbus City Council, worried about the safety of neighborhood children. Andrew Cheney, North Village Homeowners Association, says there are too few stop signs and no speed bumps to slow drivers down on Long Streets in the Subdivision. The crack down is costly, one mile over the speed limit and you could be slapped with \$110 citation. :37 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 11, 2007. **OVI Proposal.** A new law could mean some drivers can't refuse a breath test if pulled over for a DUI. Current law lets you refuse a breathalyzer test. But some say the lack of blood-alcohol levels for evidence can hamper the prosecution's case against a drunk driving suspect. Senate Bill 17 would allow law enforcement officers to force a drunk driving suspect with 2 prior OVI convictions to do the breath test or accept a mandatory blood draw for testing. :25 in length

- NBC 4 at Midday, May 21, 2007. **Sky Bus Flights.** It took 4 years of planning to get to this point. A new low cost carrier offering daily flights. The maiden voyage for VIPs, complete with Champaign, took off last Thursday and circle Columbus. At the airport the counter is in place for the grand opening. Once the Skybus sign lites up, it will begin service to 8 destinations. The airline got a kick start by offering at least 10 tickets for \$10 each for every flight. More than 200 thousand tickets have been sold, more than expected. Tickets are booked solely through the company's web site to save costs. Part of a business strategy that also includes charging passengers for added services, priority boarding will cost \$10 and sandwiches up to \$10. Skybus received incentive package valued at 57 million dollars from city, county and state officials. The payback could be big. The airline projects serving 15 cities by year's end and creating up to 850 new jobs in the process. :1:01 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 21, 2007. **Road Construction.** The orange barrels are back, with the first major travel holiday weekend just days away. The summer construction season is in full swing in central Ohio. ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) will post a comprehensive list of road construction projects on Thursday, to help drivers plan their Memorial Day travel. You may encounter delays where ODOT has already put up the orange barrels for construction zones in the Columbus Metro area. Some drivers are already thinking of ways to cope with holiday traffic headaches. :1:10 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 23, 2007. **Dangerous Highways.** A holiday weekend means thousands on the roads, all competing for limited space. The Highway Patrol says last Memorial Day weekend, 6 of the 14 people who were killed in Ohio were involved in alcohol related accidents. The Ohio State Patrol says the best advice, keep distance between cars. Going 55 miles an hour you are going 80 feet a second which means you'll go 80 feet before you can react to a hazard in the road. :25 in length
- NBC 4 at 5:30, May 25, 2007. **Memorial Day Travel.** As the sun comes up, so do gas prices again. It's a rough start to what could be a very costly holiday weekend. The national average for gas is more than \$3.20 a gallon and growing. While more than 32 million are expected to take a Memorial Day trip. Others are already beginning to scale back. Out on the water, where the high prices are making it tough for some boaters to stay afloat, it gets up to \$3.70 a gallon. A boat is not a necessity. No the biggest necessity may be trying to keep your head above water and your wallet from going dry when it comes to having some summer fun this year. :1:10 in length.
- NBC 4 at 11, June 2, 2007. **Click It or Ticket Round Up.** The Click It or Ticket campaign wraps up this weekend, and Columbus Police are ending it with extra enforcement Extra officers working federally Funded over time house pinpoint areas on i-71,670 315 and 270, all with high accident rates. Columbus Officers ay speeding continues as the biggest problem throughout the campaign but the good news is about 90% of drivers are remembering to buckle up. :24 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, June 3, 2007. **Flooded Roadways.** Nathan Hicks was one of the several drivers who fell victim to tonight's storms. Driving on 315 South, his car spun out of control as he hit high waters. He wouldn't be the last. Another car hit the police cruiser that responded to the accident. In other parts of the Columbus area drivers were dealing with the weather as well. This is video of cars trying to maneuver through large puddles at Clime and Demorest Roads, as dark traffic lights hung in the wind, thanks to a power outage in the area. :50 in length :50 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, June 3, 2007. **SR 665 Closed down.** A major construction project to tell you about. The Ohio Department of Transportation will begin a 14 mile stretch of improving State Route 665 tomorrow. ODOT says it plans to resurface the roadway as well as widen and repair certain sections. The area we're talking about stretches from the Franklin and Madison County borders to US 23. Neighbors say while the road needs updating they're not looking forward to construction delays. :26 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, June 6, 2007. **Linden Traffic.** Residents in the Linden area, say they've had a problem with drivers speeding through the streets for years. The disturbing trend has already claimed young victims. In 2002, a drunk driver hit and killed a 12 year-old at Dresden and Myrtle Avenues. A year earlier, a speeding driver crashed into a front porch, killing 2 kids and injuring several others. Now the city and the North Linden Area Commission are working to make sure things change. The Traffic Management Plan in the Linden area will be the city's model for traffic calming devices like medians, roundabouts and sidewalks are in the plans, all with the goal of making drivers slow down. Included in the Grant will be dollars for beautification, but Linden Leaders say they'll see the beauty in the lives that area saved. :1:09 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, June 8, 2007. **Car Safety Survey.** Kids are taught to look both ways when crossing the street, but a recent survey shows some parents need to take a lesson on the dangers children face in and around cars. The Automotive Coalition for Traffic Safety surveyed almost 1000 parents and found most underestimate the risk children face left unattended in or near cars. Two-thirds of parents surveyed thought it was "unlikely or very unlikely a child in their neighborhood might die from eat after left alone in a car." So far this year, at least 5 children have died from heat stroke after being left alone in a car. :37 in length



NBC 4 at 11, June 11, 2007. ODOT Plans. David Kovalchick drives downtown nearly everyday, even coming to a complete stop on the highway while driving to this meeting about the 70-71 split. He says ODOT is on the right track planning a major overhaul. Kovalchick says while he thinks the plan is moving in the right direction, he has one more suggest. "I think they need to add more maybe if they want to develop the East side of town, it would be important later." There is another meeting Wednesday night starting at 5 pm at the Columbus Health Department Auditorium on Parson's avenue and Main Street. 1:31 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 11, 2007. Gas Prices Fall. According to the Lundberg Survey, gas prices have dropped 7 cents in the last 3 weeks. That brings the National average per gallon of regular unleaded to \$3.11. But the survey publisher says the drop is small compared to the \$1 increase in gas we saw between January and May. :18 in length

## VI. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NBC 4 at 11, April 7, 2007. Eating Habit & Smoking. Could what you eat help or hinder you in your attempts to quit smoking? In a survey of more than 200 smokers, Duke University researchers say milk, water, fruits and vegetables worsened the taste of cigarettes. On the other hand, alcohol, coffee and meat enhanced the taste. Researchers say this information could lead to the development of a gum or lozenge to help make cigarettes less palatable. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 17, 2007. Meningitis. 20 year-old Logan McDonald was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. He's being treated at OSU Medical Center. Meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord. It can be fatal, but can be treated with anti-biotics. McDonald and his roommates at 305 East 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue hosted parties Friday and Saturday night. If you were at that party, you need to see a doctor or contact the Student Health Services. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 18, 2007. Organ Donor Vigils. 18 year-old Josh Martin was supposed to go to the shooting range with a friend. But they ended up going to the boy's house. The boy came with the gun pointed at him and said "Hey, Josh," and the gun went off shooting him and the bullet went through his face. Josh was rushed to the hospital. After a week Josh's body couldn't take it anymore. His organs were donated and tonight his mother met the recipient for the first time. Mary Coy was on dialysis and received Josh's kidney. His organs also saved the lives of 2 other people. Brenda made this video in honor of her son and now teaches the importance of sun safety. 1:14 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 20, 2007. Rabies Clinic. Today there is a way to get cheap shots for your pet. The Columbus Public Health Department is offering \$6 rabies shots. You can get these shots for your dogs, cats and ferrets. For a list of times and locations you can go to our Website and click on featured links. :16 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 24, 2007. FDA Hearing. Ashley and Isabella Armstrong ate tainted spinach and got sick. Ashley ended up in the hospital for 7 weeks on dialysis. The US Government can force recalls of many products but not food. Some lawmakers want to give the FDA that authority. Plus the agency's safety guidelines for food manufacturers are not mandatory. The Government Accountability Office have 15 different agencies and 30 laws governing food safety. Behind last month's pet food recall, Menu foods has been under fire for waiting a month after the first report of illness to pull its products. Menu says it did begin testing, for only had 4 reports. They sell 3 million containers a day. 1:23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, May 6, 2007. Worthington Staph. Just this past week parents of students attending Worthingway Middle School received a letter and an e-mail stating there had been some confirmed cases of staph infections within the school. According to the district there have been 4 cases over the past 2 months. Lancaster high School has been contending with its own cases. Two confirmed and possibly 12 more within the past couple of weeks. The school shut down its weight room after the cases were traced back to it. Doctors say infections like these are becoming more and more common. 1:29 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 15, 2007. Smart Lipo. If you were told that you could melt the fat on your body or that you could permanently get rid of the genetic gifts you were given like saddlebags or extra hips, what would you say? A new procedure is on the market that does that. It's less invasive than liposuction and less recovery time. It's called the Smart Lipo. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 5, May 18, 2007. Race 4 Cure. Susan McQuade of Pataskala, 39 and a breast cancer survivor, enjoyed a relaxing day at the Energizer Retreat this afternoon. Amanda Engelking, Energizer spokesperson stated: "They love it, they enjoy it. They get to relax, rejuvenate. Get time away from their treatment." Tomorrow Susan will join an expected 35,000 people for the Komen Columbus Race for the Cure downtown. The goal this year is to raise about 2 million dollars to fund educational programs and screenings. 75% of the money raised stays locally. Today the students at Hasting Middle School raised more than \$2,500 for Breast Cancer Research while coloring staff member's hair pink during lunch. 1:02 in length



NBC 4 at 11, May 25, 2007. Preventing Staph Infections. You may remember weeks ago we told you about staph infections with Worthingway Middle School. According to the district, there had been 4 cases in 2 months. Then Lancaster High School was contending with its own cases. 2 confirmed cases and possibly 12 more. If you think you have a staph infection see your doctor immediately. But for those wanting to fight off the germs, there's a new product called Invisible Armor that could help. According to the product's maker what makes it different than other hand sanitizers, is that it lasts for up to 4 hours. The product is now available at Kroger stores. A 2 oz. bottle will cost you \$2.99. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 30, 2007. Senior Health Day. Today is National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Kensington Place at Lutheran Village an Independent Living Community is getting into the spirit of things. :28 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 1, 2007. Ohio Obese Children. Ohio children has such unhealthy eating habits, that one their of Ohio's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will develop diabetes in their lifetime. That according to a Children's Hospital Pediatrician speaking in favor of a new State House Bill yesterday. The proposal would implement a nutrition curriculum in Ohio schools, to curb the epidemic of childhood obesity. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 4, 2007. City BBQ and Iacono's. Over the past few months Health Officials say they've found problems with how Iacono's cooled foods after being cooked, while other foods haven't been kept cool enough or hot enough before serving. A similar situation surfaced at City Barbeque Restaurant on Cleveland Avenue, one of six in Central Ohio. It's the only one that's been cited. Cooked food that is stored to be served later must be cooled in 2 stages over 6 hours. Health Inspectors say that was not being done here. When the owners found out about the health violation, they took extraordinary steps to correct it. An extensive top to bottom review of procedures documented for Health Inspectors at this hearing. One inspector said it could be a model for the industry. So extensive, a recommendation that the restaurant close for at least one day was withdrawn, City Barbeque will only be on probation. :55 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 11 2007. Cancer Patient. Two Ohio Senators plan to push for insurance coverage for cancer patient in clinical drug trials. Sheryl Freeman tells us she could be one of the first people helped if these proposals are pushed into law. Senator Joyce Beatty and Senator Steve Stivers are unveiling their new Clinical Trial Proposal tomorrow. :34 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 12, 2007. Autism Vaccines Court. A precedent setting case is being heard in Washington, DC that could pave the way for thousands of children with Autism to get help. Parents of some Autistic children allege a preservative used in some routine childhood vaccines cause Autism and other health problems. For the first time those claims are being heard in Federal Court. Six to nine test cases will be heard over the next few months. The results could end up providing compensation for the parents of more than 5000 children. :32 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 13, 2007. Diet Drugs. The new FDA approved, over the counter pill is called ALLI. It's the cousin of the prescription diet drug Xenical, that's been on the market since 1999. But maker Glaxo Smith Kline says it's half the dose. Marketing experts project millions will buy the product and that could mean 3 billion dollars in revenue in the US alone. That's assuming people like it and use it properly. And that means in conjunction with exercise and a low fat diet. The company states it works by preventing your body from absorbing some fat you eat. But there are side effects, such as loose stools and gassy discharge. If you'd like to try ALLI, it'll cost you about \$150 for a 3 month supply. 1:12 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Diabetes Prevention

:30 in length

Aired April 21-June 30

Diabetes Prevention

:15 in length

Aired May 12-June 27

Give Blood/American Red Cross

:30 in length

Aired April 1-June 30

Childhood Obesity

:30 in length

Aired April 7 only

Stroke Awareness

:15 in length  
Aired May 24-June 24

Triglycerides for Women  
:30 in length  
Aired April 29-June 30

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)  
:04 in length  
Aired April 1-April 20

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)  
:10 in length  
Aired April 5-April 14

Strike A Difference Bowl-a-Thon (Salvation Army)  
:15 in length  
Aired April 1-April 15

Komen Columbus Race for the Cure  
:04 in length  
Aired April 13-May 15

Komen Columbus Race for the Cure  
:10 in length  
Aired April 14-May 17

Komen Columbus Race for the Cure  
:15 in length  
Aired April 20-May 18

Autism Awareness (Babysitter version)  
:15 in length  
Aired May 17-June 27

Autism Awareness (Golf version)  
:15 in length  
Aired May 18-June 29

Autism Awareness (Lightning)  
:15 in length  
Aired May 21-June 28

Autism Awareness (Golf version)  
:30 in length  
Aired June 3-June 22

Salvation Army Evergreen  
:10 in length  
Aired May 5-May 31

Salvation Army Evergreen  
:15 in length  
Aired May 18-June 28

Salvation Army Evergreen  
:20 in length  
Aired May 16-May 26

Salvation Army Evergreen  
:30 in length  
Aired June 8-June 30

Volunteers of America (Help Wanted version)  
:15 in length  
Aired May 3-June 24

## VII. CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NBC 4 at 11, April 1, 2007. Jail Interview with Cline. 25 year-old John Cline is accused of murder. According to Licking County authorities, they body of 16 year-old Bethany Broshus was found in a field near the Licking River Friday afternoon. Sheriff Randy Thorp is quoted in the Newark Advocate saying she was apparently strangled by Cline, who admitted to investigators of killing her. Cline says the incident occurred Wednesday night. I asked Cline what keeps him going from day to day. Cline will appear in Licking County Court for arraignment tomorrow. 1:25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 2, 2007. Escapee Arrested. A car chase ends with a crash, the drier takes off on foot, and he ends up in this Hilliard business kicking in the door. Moment later this happens, a woman inside escapes from the second floor and falls to safety. But another female employee is still inside the business and is now a hostage. The man inside escaped hours earlier from a Youngstown Hospital during a visit from a maximum security prison. Police say he carjacked a vehicle and traveled hundreds of miles to Columbus, Ohio, where he allegedly robbed 2 banks at gunpoint. But police say his crime spree ended here at this business where several local, state and federal law enforcement agents waited and negotiated with a man said to be very dangerous. Fitzmorris' family was also at the scene pleading with him to cooperate and eventually he did, his surrender ending a 3 hour standoff, leaving his hostage unharmed. 1:30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 4, 2007. Stalking Increase. It's a crime we usually associate with Hollywood celebrities, but here in Columbus, stalking is on the rise. So much so an entire division of the City Prosecutor's office is dedicated to it. One local woman was allegedly stalked by a total stranger. Starting in October, he started making his presence known with roses. She thought she'd seen the man in the store and at the gas station, but last week he showed up at her house. She called the police and says the whole experience has changed her life. The prosecutor's office says if you feel you're being stalked in addition to changing your routine, and documenting encounters, and tell every body and neighbors. 1:14 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 7, 2007. Heatherleaf Way Homicide. An instant is all it took for a crime to play out at this home on Heatherleaf Way. 43 year-old Scott Call is now dead. Call died in his home and according to investigators his 21 year-old stepson Kyle Moratt did it and then called police to tell them what happened. Police say it was the result of a domestic dispute. Call's wife Natalie was at work when the murder happened. Police contacted her and brought her here to learn of the horrific news. Call's best friend and golfing partner is in shock. Dave Tracht, a friend of the victim, says he and all were supposed to leave on Monday for a golf trip to Myrtle Beach with some other friends. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 8, 2007. Assaults on Campus. The Columbus Police Department says it started with a robbery. A 19 year-old woman walking near the areas of 11<sup>th</sup> and High Street late last night, asked by a man with a knife to take money out of a nearby ATM. But it didn't stop there. Police say she was then taken to an unknown location and sexually assaulted. It makes people think twice four their own habits. Many told us sadly they weren't surprised by the incident. Now investigators are trying to find the man who did this, and with little information about his description, they need your help and ask if you know anything about the crime to call police. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 11, 2007. First Student Bus Driver. Until this morning, Armond Davis had driven a school bus for the private company "First Student" for a little less than a year. The company says he was fired today because he didn't show up for work. That's because the 19 year-old is behind bars, charged with the sexual battery of a 16 year-old student passenger. Police don't know how long the relationship had gone on, but Davis was arrested around 2:30 this morning after the girl's father tracked the two down together. He followed them for miles to confront them in this Whitehall Parking lot. He even called 911. Police say Davis had called the girl and arranged to take her back to his east Columbus Apartment to have sex, even though she's of an age to consent in Ohio, Police say the sexual encounter was still a crime because Davis' "Position of Authority." Davis faces a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony charge, punishable up to 5 years in jail. He's scheduled to appear in court tomorrow. :56 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 12, 2007. History of Chris Paul. This Columbus Mosque is where the sister of Christopher Paul says he met Nuradin Abdi, accused of plotting to blow up a Columbus-area shopping mall. And scheduled for trial in August. It's also where fellow mosque-goer Hisham Jenhawi says he met Paul. Despite defense lawyers urging that family and friends

not to talk about Paul, Jenhawi tells NBC 4 off camera. "Paul never expressed any anger or mention of Al Qaeda, he was not capable of terrorism based on his personality or his financial situation." Jenhawi went on to say that Paul was very kind, you would see him on the street and he would hug you, with the heart that he has. He said Paul did not have any role in leadership in his mosque. Paul's association with Abdi, and with former roommate Iyman Farris, convicted and sentenced in 2003 to 20 years in prison for plotting to topple the Brooklyn Bridge, contributed to the FBI's interest in him and his family. After years of investigation, agents searched the Worthington home of Paul's sister in November. Paul lives with his wife and daughter who is home-schooled. The US Government will argue tomorrow that Paul should be held in custody without bond. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, April 13, 2007.

Fayette Count Deputy Guilty. A Fayette County Jury found former Sheriff's Deputy Patricia Bailey guilty of obstructing official business and dereliction of duty. Prosecutor, David Bender argued Bailey interfered while 2 deputies served a civil protection order against her brother, John Bailey, filed by his wife Lori. Authorities say a week later John killed Lori in a murder-suicide. If you see a criminal act, you're an officer of the law, you need to try to stop it. Jurors agreed that Bailey did not stop her brother from doing \$25,000 worth of damage to the home. She was there sorting the guns out, clearing them out of the house, not in the cruiser as required by court order. Bender says 9 guns left the home in Bailey's vehicle along with John. Defense Attorney Justin Gray says former Deputy Terry Olsen testified that Bailey never obstructed justice. Olsen was convicted of dereliction of duty in a separate trial. Her brother calls her and says Theresa I need you to come pick me up and she was going to pick him up and nothing more. Bailey will be sentenced on Monday for each count. She could receive up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$750 fine. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 19, 2007.

West Jeff Child Porn Charge. Bob's Barber Shop has sat on Main Street in West Jefferson for decades. So some here say they're surprised to hear Bob Hill's business could be closed permanently. The 69 year-old was indicted last week on 6 counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor and 2 counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material. If convicted on all those charges, the State Barber Board says he'll lose his license and he could also face up to 11 years in prison. Hill tells NBC4 he had pictures from nudist camps but no child porn. The Madison County Sheriff's office says Social Service workers found pornographic images while helping Hill clean his trailer. While much of the material appears to be commercially produced, the Sheriff says Hill had at least 2 Polaroid pictures of naked boys. The Sheriff says due to Hill's age and medical condition, he has not yet been arrested. 59 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 19, 2007.

Parking Meter Thefts. Thousands of dollars in change, Police say its taken months for thieves to steal that much money from parking meters. Yes, parking meters, around downtown Columbus. It's been more than 100 meters all times of the day, different days of the week. The Strategic Response Bureau just got their hands on these surveillance pictures from a downtown office building. It appears from the photograph he's doing something to the meter. Police think this guy, could be their suspect, but they need your help to figure out who he is. It's been hard for police to find suspects because they leave no evidence of tampering with the meters, no damage and no sign that it's out of service. It's not until they go to collect the money they realize the money has already been removed. Whoever is stealing the change, is costing the city lost revenue, but also for the damage to the meters and could be costing you, if you park at an out of service meter and get a ticket. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 29, 2007.

Lawyer in Trunk. It had been a long work-day for attorney Ira Sully. The victim was leaving his place of employment, when he was order to get in the car. Not just in the car, but in the trunk. NBC4 talked with the victim, who declined to be interviewed on camera, but says hi robber forced him to give him his pin number and drove him to the nearest ATM and withdrew money. All while he was still inside the trunk of his own care, but there was one item the suspect forgot to take away from Sully, his cell phone. Police apprehended 20 year old Martino Williamson and after getting Sully out of his trunk and giving him back his car and his cash, Williamson was taken to jail without incident. The whole incident lasted less than 10 minutes, but police say all indications lead them to believe Sully could've suffered a much worse fate. The victim was back at the office today, unharmed and unscathed. But he says he's probably worked his last late night, but will continue to carry his cell phone at all times. 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, April 30, 2007.

Funeral Home Scam. It's enough to lose a loved one and then make final arrangements but some con artists could care less about your grieving. They're out to steal from you and the departed. This scam involves an impersonator who claims to be from the funeral home or the Health Department, calling you to say a mistake has been made and they need the social security number and some other personal information. Using the local newspaper as its guide, con-artists will target the bereaved about phony home repairs that were made by the family member before they died. They will also claim a life insurance premium was delinquent and they must pay a certain amount so the insurance funds can be released to the funeral home. You should use the same caution, and concern you would exercise with any other consumer service. If you get a call like these, contact the local police. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 1, 2007

Julie Popovich. When Julie Popovich walked out of the bar with this man Adam Saleh, in the early morning hours of August 12, 2005, it's pretty safe to assume she didn't know she would end up dead. Going back over

close to 3 weeks of testimony, prosecutors reminded jurors of the evidence before them. Letters they say Saleh wrote in jail, and testimony by a cell phone expert they say proves Saleh was not at home the night Popovich was killed. In his closing arguments defense Attorney James Watson told the jury not to trust the prosecution's inmate witness. He stated: You can discount what Brian Banks told you. He came in here with a motivation to lie to lessen the amount of time he was going to get in his particular case. But lead prosecutor James Lowe told the jury Saleh can't be trusted, pointing out the inconsistencies in his testimony. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 1, 2007. Crime Watch Neighborhoods. This neighborhood is dangerous. It's not a good neighborhood, so they have to do something about it. This man is concealing his identity after being attacked outside his front door by a man seeking money. His neighbor was burglarized twice in the past week.. He lives on the city's northeast side, where we found 4 of Columbus 10 worst police cruiser districts for residential burglaries and robberies. Including the absolute worst, police cruiser District 186, extending from Dublin Granville and Karl to Morse Road and Cleveland Avenue, criminals robbed or burglarized 157 homes in this 2 square mile area in 2006 an average of 3 a week. Nearby is the Forest Park Village Apartment complex where we tallied 27 burglaries and robberies. 1:38 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 2, 2007. Muskingham Deputy. This cruiser camera captures Columbus Fire Captain Marquis Phillips weaving between lanes. Deputy Phillip Michel pulls him over and according to the Sheriff, he smells of alcohol. Michel chose not to arrest him and allowed him to call his family to come pick him up. Michel drove away, leaving Phillips behind the wheel. That's when the problems started. If you choose not to arrest you should bring them here to the Sheriff's office or disable the motor vehicle. Eleven minutes later Phillips drives his SUV off the road, His Chevy Tahoe rolls down an embankment ejecting and killing him at the scene. Today the Sheriff terminated 24 year-old Michel, after 2 years of service on the road. Sheriff Bob Stephenson, stated: It's hard for him, it's hard for all of us. He just made a bad decision. This sort of things makes us look as if we're doing things right and it make the deputies think twice about their decisions. 1:07 in length.

NBC 4 at 11, May 4, 2007. Clerks Killed. The workers at this Dairy Mart on Main Street near James Road were related to Mohammed Aslan, the man killed today. They also knew store owner Abdel Shalash, who was killed in January during an attempted robbery. Just selling good and beverages can be a deadly job. So in an attempt to make it safer, they limit the number of ads on the windows. Inside there are all the typical security equipment. Statistics provided by the National Council on Compensation Insurance show that nearly one-third of all foreign born workers in the US who are killed on the job, are killed in a retail establishment like this. Ohio ranks number 8 in the country for these kinds of deaths. It is something people like Imran Cheema is reminded of every time someone he know is killed doing what he does. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 7, 2007. Delaware County Murder. A murder scene with a trail of clues, a ladder leading to a second floor window, the screen out. Inside, the victim, Eveline Ashbaugh, whose well know to neighbors for the llamas she raised. Now those folks are concerned for their safety. Investigators say they are looking into those who had access to Ashbaugh's home, any business partners and other associates. They wouldn't elaborate on any suspects, but say there are persons of interest. Detectives had difficulty on Saturday ruling this a homicide because of the disarray of Ashbaugh's home. :33 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 8, 2007. Strike Force. Guns, gangs and drugs, all under fire as the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Columbus Mayor Mike Coleman's anti-violence Strike Force kicks off. But police admit there as no significant decrease in violent crime because of the initiative last summer. But neither was there a spike in crime. The Mayor says that makes it a success. City Council's convinced, recently approving nearly a million dollars for officer overtime to expand the strike force through the fall. Since summer 2005, the Strike Force has arrested 700 criminals, but many aren't behind bars for long. Between '04 and '06, the county prosecutor says he's seen 294% increase in the number of kids in gangs charged with violent offenses. Likely not a first for many, according to this former JUVI judge. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 11, 2007. Pit Bull Attack. When this Pit-bull attacked 7 year-old Jacob Fortney, Jacob's neighbors jumped into action. "I got his throat, and I grabbed the kid by one hand and lifted him up to my brother so he wouldn't bite me. I pushed the dog away and jumped over the fence." Stated Justin Rose the neighbor. Jacob's mom Rianne says their dog Karma hasn't acted in such a way before. She says the amount of people in the backyard may have had something to do with the dog's violent reaction. As far as Jacob, he's recovering from lacerations he suffered last night. He underwent plastic surgery but is feeling OK tonight. Rianne says the dog's owner is her former boyfriend and she's been trying to get rid of the dog for months. According to Corporal Joe Rock with Franklin County Animal Care, an investigation is underway and possible charges could be filed. :45 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 12, 2007. Newark Homicide Arrest. The mother of 22 year-old Megan Arensberg says her daughter was an honors student at Newark High School. Laurina Arensberg is shocked that her daughter and a friend 17 year-old Ashley Baker are locked up in New York City. Arensberg turned herself in at this New York Police station Saturday morning, after the NYPF arrested Baker hiding on a roof in Brooklyn on Friday. Arensberg is charged with aggravated murder, accused in the shooting death of Raymond Dickerson at his home in Newark Monday afternoon. Laurina also knows Megan's friend,



Ashley Baker, who's charged with aggravated burglary for allegedly storming the home with Megan. Police are still searching for Megan's boyfriend, Lovell Dean Prince, charged with obstruction. Meanwhile, Megan's mother hopes her daughter can get a fair trial. Arensberg and Baker face an extradition hearing before Newark Detectives can bring them back to Ohio. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 14, 2007.

**Child Abuse Tracking.** A new computer system, a new way of documenting reports, and a new screening guidelines, they're part of a philosophical change. To focus on kids who are in danger right now, rather than later, such as a student spotted with a bruise on their arm or leg. Joy Maurer, Franklin County Children Services stated: "Now using the screening guidelines that the state has issued, we may not investigate that because that does not fall within the definition of an abused child." The State Department of Job and Family Services says Franklin County kids won't be hurt by the new tools, instead they say it will be easier for workers to document and respond to abuse. But critics are pushing back, in February, Summit County Children Services Trustee Richard Marsh criticized the change for not taking into account case history. Summit County workers are adding emphasis on case history to make sure cases don't fall through the cracks. 1:38 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 16, 2007.

**Indianola Gangs.** Nearly 300 Indianola Middle School students were suspended for fighting and other violence last year. Parents and police say it's a problem. Today, the Gang Unit is monitoring the school's dismissal. Recently police say there have been several assaults here and some gang related activity. Across the city, police say they see as many problems in middle schools as they do in high schools. Just yesterday, a gun was found at Champion Middle. Yet, while each of the district's high schools have full time School Resource Officers, none of the middle schools do. Compare that with Dublin and Westerville schools, which have SRO's in every junior and senior high schools. Columbus schools says it has its own security force to survey buildings as needed. Even the Columbus Police School Investigative Unit says because of an officer shortage, putting SRO's in middle schools would be a waste of money and manpower. :54 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 17, 2007.

**Bank Robbery Stats.** Yellow crime tape turns local bank locations into crimes scenes between 90 and 100 times a year in Columbus. The time of day or location doesn't seem to be a factor for these high risk holdups. According to the FBI 19 bank robberies have occurred so far this year in central Ohio. The locations in the red are robberies that occurred in the morning, the yellow color locations indicate bank robberies after 12 noon. Why is the rate so high in Columbus. Because we have a branch almost on every corner so there are available targets and we have a severe drug problem. Most of our robbers are drug abusers who are robbing to get the next fix. Authorities say, most robberies fall into w categories. The bandits who want to get in and get out as quickly as possible and the more dangerous take over robberies. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 5, May 18, 2007.

**Officer Stanley Byas Charges.** According to the police report, after roll call Officer Joseph Townsend came outside to load his cruiser when Officer Stanley Byas allegedly walked up to him bumped his chest and said: "You want some of this punk." The report says Byas struck Townsend's face with his fist up to 7 times, possibly breaking his nose and cutting him about the eye. It goes on to say that, the blows forced Townsend backwards into another officer's personal car. It was left with a big dent. Byas waived his court appearance today. He's charged with assault of a peace officer, a felony. He's been placed on restricted duty and relieved of his gun and badge. :42 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 27, 2007.

**Autistic Boy Bitten by Dog.** Police say the woman in the back seat faces child endangering charges, after letting her 8 year-old son wander this neighborhood north of downtown Columbus. A neighbor says the boy, who is autistic, kicked in the back door of this house on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. That's when police say a large dog inside the home attacked the boy. Police first came to the home after the dog owner reported that the boy was kicking her basement windows. Officers arrived and took the boy to his house. There they found the boy's mother passed out on the floor with a strong odor of alcohol in the air. Police say the boy returned to this house, where he was bitten by the dog. Now the boy's mother faces child endangering charges. Animal control cited the dog owner for failing to register her dogs. The boy is recovering at Children's hospital. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 1, 2007.

**Graduation Party Drinking.** The countdown is on for the class of 2007, and at Brett Peterson's house, the party is alcohol-free for the grads to be from Upper Arlington High School. "You definitely get a different group of people, but I really appreciate my friends who have kept me safe and who I've kept safe" Peterson's Dad, John, appreciates the punishment for parents who serve minors: up to 6 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The drug-free Action Alliance organizers of the parents who host "Lose the Most Awareness Program," says teen drinking starts more often with parents and adults providing than with fake ID's. We'd like to see parents throughout the community bank together and everybody say "No, I'm not going to serve alcohol." 1:14 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 3, 2007.

**Copper Thief Caught.** Mike Flinner owns 2 homes side by side on Whittier Avenue. One of which is undergoing renovations. Around 3 today Flinner heard a strange noise in his uninhabited home next door. He investigated and found a blue bicycle and the cellar door broken. Flinner called police and 10 minutes later, the suspect

surrendered, copper in hand. Once inside they found he had the copper showerhead upstairs and four 4 foot copper pipes missing. Detective Sweet says copper pipes can be sold to scrap metal businesses for about \$20 a pop. Even Home Depot has had a few problems of their own. "We've had instances here where people trying to take rolls of copper, copper wire from the Electrical Department. With the daily reports of copper thefts, Mayor Coleman recently proposed a new City Ordinance which would force scrap dealers to require identification from their sellers. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 5, 2007.

2 Kids Shot. The call came across the radio as shots fired in their Eastside neighborhood. The children, who were behind this shed when the incident happened, were rushed to Children's Hospital. Police are now trying to piece together how 2 kids got their hands on a gun. Police say right now it looks like the gun didn't belong to anyone in the home and they have been able to talk to at least 1 of the boys. The child shot in the chest is listed in critical, but stable condition. Sgt. Christ Holzhauser, Columbus Police Department, says he is concerned about the gun being found out in the open and it's possible it may have been used and then ditched behind the shed. They're asking you to contact them if you have any information regarding shootings or remember hearing shots fired in the area. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 7, 2007.

Cold Case Tonie Miller. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 49 year-old Toni Miller was raped and brutally murdered at her west side home while her terrified 10 year-old daughter was hiding in the next room. Her daughter was the one who called 911. That Act could now put an alleged killer behind bars. But for years, investigators couldn't find who the fingerprint belonged to. Prosecutors say it took this man 22 year-old Joseph Bowers to be put in jail on drug related charges last summer. While there, his DNA matched that of DNA found at the crime scene, but it was that bloody fingerprint that authorities say connects Bowers to the crime. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 7, 2007.

Sex Abuse Arrest. "It's making me sick to my stomach, it's just aggravating me, it's tearing me down." That's Anna Decker's reaction to the rape charges against her son, Roger Decker. He's currently in jail on 3 counts of rape. An Athens County indictment says the rapes happened from 1995 through 2000 and the victims were all under 13 years-old. The alleged victims, who are now adults, came forward, after recent allegations that he had raped another little boy at this apartment in New Straitsville, in Perry County. When Sheriff investigators entered his apartment, they found pictures in his bedroom of 3 alleged victims as boys, along with pictures of 9 other boys they believe may be additional victims. The pictures on the walls today are only on him and family members. His mother who says he cannot read or write is standing by him. 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at 5, June 8, 2007.

Stolen Jesus. The 4 foot, 15 pound statue of Jesus once stood here outside the Livingston Avenue United Methodist Church. At night you can see the shadow of Jesus from a distance. Pastor Jim Donnan stated: "My fear is a scrapper took Jesus to the scrap yard to get a couple bucks worth of scrap metal." According to a Columbus Police report someone stole the statue sometime over the past 48 hours. In terms of the image value and the strength that it imparts to people when they see it for years, it's been a landmark. The statue of Jesus has been on the property since 1976. It's truly a community asset, it's not just Livingston United Methodist Church's shadow, it's the community's asset. 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 8, 2007.

Abdi Documents. A list of 102 pieces of evidence filed accordingly in court today Abdi e-mails in 2001 and 2002 to Faris. Faris' phone bills were found in Abdi's residence during a search in 2003. Abdi also called phone numbers for Christopher Paul, a Worthington man accused of joining Al-Qaeda and plotting to bomb European Tourist resorts. One Exhibit shows a payment of \$11.25 to Carabou Café, a coffee shop in Upper Arlington in suburban Columbus on August 6, 2002. Prosecutors allege that Abdi first discussed the mall plot on that day with Faris and Paul at the coffee shop. :33 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 9, 2007.

Baker - Arensberg Guns. It's a story of guns, drugs and a cross country getaway involving 2 young Newark girls. 22 year-old Megan Arensberg and 17 year-old Ashley Baker. They're accused of going to the Newark home of 28 year-old Raymond Dickerson on May 7th with intent of robbing him, but then fatally shooting him. After days of searching, the 2 were found in New York. Now, for the first time we hear from Baker about the chain of events. In a taped conversation with a New York detective, Baker recounts the chain of events. She describes the struggle she had with Dickerson when they went to his house to rob him of drugs and money. She says "I pushed him off me. I pushed him to the ground and I left. And as I was running down the stairs I heard a shot, and I ran faster. And as we were leaving, as I left as I was running Megan said stop running, don't run. She ran in front of me and she goes we got to get out of her, I just shot him in the head and she's laughing." These photos show the guns that police say the women used. The gun that Baker allegedly brought to the crime was found under a mattress, hidden by a witness after the victim apparently got the gun away from Baker. Baker tells police what happened to the gun used in the murder. She says Megan dropped it outside. She said that's what she said. She said she dropped it outside by the house cause I didn't know where she dropped it off. Baker faces trial as an adult, 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 12, 2007.

Pizza Deliver Bust. The call for a pizza came to this location late Monday night. Right away the manager knew it sounded suspicious, and the phone number they gave wasn't in their system. While the delivery site was

bussing with police after the eventual take down of the suspected robbers. It was dark and quiet seconds earlier. Minuteman Pizza had called police ahead of time and the deliveryman met with undercover and SWAT officers before taking the pizza to the home. A daring move as they went ahead and staked out the street in unmarked vehicles, watching as he knock on the door, that was attacked from behind. What's more, the suspects apparently had also called another pizza place giving the same address. That deliveryman arrived just after the arrests, a potential second victim. The resident who lives at the house had no idea her home was being used as a decoy by suspected robbers, until the deliveryman had knocked on her door, then she saw the takedown outside. :17 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, June 13, 2007. New Fleeing Law. Remember just 2 months ago when escaped inmate Billy Fitzmorris drove through the streets of Hilliard with police in pursuit. AS the law stands now, when Fitzmorris was behind the wheel of a care, he was fleeing police, that's a crime, but when he tot out of the car and ran away on foot, that wasn't a crime. So if criminal think they'll get caught, they have an incentive in Ohio to runaway, and there's no additional charge. State Senator Steve Stivers of Upper Arlington heard about the legal loophole from an off-duty officer, his research found Ohio has no law dealing with a foot chase. He's proposing new legislation that would make it a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree misdemeanor to disobey an officer's order and flee on foot. If a criminal has committed a felony, then fleeing on foot would be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree felony. "It's a pretty simple, basic easy to understand law. It's hard for me to believe that's no law against fleeing an officer today," stated Steve Stivers. The issue took on added significance last month when a Columbus police officer chased a suspect through city streets and wound up getting hit by a Police cruiser providing backup. "It encourages people to not obey an officer and that has hazardous consequences." Fraternal Order of Police Lobbyist Mark Drum, a former officer himself, says adding the law is more than smart it is common sense.

NBC News Special Report: Shootings at Virginia Tech aired on April 16 from 1:59-2:00 p.m., 2:59-3:00 p.m., 3:59-4:00 p.m., 4:02-4:07 p.m., 4:42-5:00 p.m.

Dateline NBC Special: Tragedy at Virginia Tech aired on April 16 from 10:00-11:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Massacre at Virginia Tech aired on April 17 from 9:00-9:05 a.m., 9:22-9:54 a.m., 2:00-2:37 p.m.

Dateline NBC: Tragedy at Virginia Tech aired on April 17 from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Reports: Police chase and Hostage situation in Hilliard aired on April 2 from 1:36-2:00 p.m., 2:14-3:28 p.m., 3:44-3:45 p.m., 4:14-4:28 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: FBI and U.S. Attorney Press Conference on arrest of Columbus man suspected of al-Qaida association aired April 12 from 11:04-11:15 a.m.

NBC News Special Report: President Bush Press Conference regarding War Bill Congress Vote aired on May 24 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: JFK Airport Terrorist Plot Arrests aired on June 2 from 1:57-1:58 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

ID Theft Protection

:30 in length

Aired April 5-June 30

### **VIII. FAMILY-YOUTH-ELDERLY**

NBC 4 at 11, April 1, 2007. Where to go for the Game. The Varsity Club expects hundreds of people for the big game. At Coaches Bar and Grill on Bethel, Monday night could be bigger than last night. Fans are hoping to see the Bucks get revenge for the blistering loss to the Florida football team in the BCS title game. Fitzgerald's can hold 300 people inside and 200 outside to watch on ol of60 TV screens, enough people to keep workers' toes tapping.

NBC 4 at Midday, April 4, 2007. Pet Food Supplier. The contaminated pet food scare across the US can be traced back here to a rundown warehouse in rural China. According to local residents, this operation belongs to Xuzhou Anying Biological. The Company named by the FDA as the source of the chemical melamine which somehow contaminated wheat gluten, an ingredient in almost 100 different brands of pet food which have now been recalled. When we arrived employees began covering what appeared to be sacks of grain. Every year 9000 tons of wheat gluten is reportedly exported from here but all

work now appears to be at a standstill after an FDA ban on imports from this privately owned company. The Company's senior management has been locked away in crisis meetings for days, but denies any wrongdoing during 12 years of operation. In China all factories that make wheat gluten follow a strict testing procedure. The situation as depicted by these rumors has never occurred. But questions are being asked about the safety of China's food supply. 300 million Chinese every year, according to the UN, suffer food poisoning. Last summer nearly 100 restaurant patrons were hospitalized after eating bad food. 1:47 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 9, 2007. Computer Clean Up Sites. Computer clean up sites can help save your computer. Your home computer can fill up with junk and slow down your machine. Spyware issues can slow down your computer, the best anti-spyware program you can actually download for free. It's Spybot.info. Registry problems may cause your computer to take twice as long to boot up. Another free program to help for registry issues is: C:cleaner.com. It clears out temporary files and lets you pick the ones you would like to eliminate. These sites are linked to our website, NBC4.com just look for featured links. :36, in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 20, 2007. Columbus Parks. There are several Earth Day events this weekend. While heading out to them, the Mayor is asking you "Pedal Instead" and use your bike instead of your car for short trips. Last year due to budget cuts, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department had to limit grass cutting in some locations. But Department Director Alan McKnight says this was a good budget year and most of those mowing reductions have been eliminated. :33 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 26, 2007. Bike Helmet Law. Ohio children may soon be required by law to wear a bicycle helmet. State Senator Tom Roberts is proposing a bill requiring all bike riders under 18, to wear a helmet on the road. Fines would be \$25 which the parents must pay. All fines would go to a new bicycle safety fund, to buy helmets for low-income children. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 7, 2007. UDF Good Sam. It was just before midnight on Sunday, when this UDF (United Dairy Farmers) on West Mound Street became the scene of a crime. But little did anyone know a Good Samaritan was in his care, just outside the store. This witness, who does not want to be identified, said the robbery suspect punched 2 elderly women clerks in the face, and that was enough for this man to follow the suspect and call 911 pointing out the suspects whereabouts every inch of the way. The chase reached speeds of up to 110 miles per hour, but this witness wasn't about to give up. He followed the car until police caught up with the suspect and a woman passenger, both were arrested, all thanks to this man. Now the suspect is off the streets, for now anyway. :40 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 8, 2007. Franklin County Election. With new electronic voting machines, the curtains are gone, and so last November some voters felt the new system wasn't private enough. Today, the Board of Elections made some changes to fix that and it wasn't a high-tech solution. It is as simple as extension cords and moving the machines. Now with the extension cords we can have them separated apart and we don't have the tripping hazard of the cords hanging between the two machines. Voters are also being reminded that they can pull in the wings on the machine to create even more privacy. The Board of Elections says feedback has been pretty positive so far. Most people seem to like the changes that add a little more privacy. :52 in length

NBC 4 at 5, May 9, 2007. Choice Rally. Hundreds of Ohio students took time out of class to stand up for their educational rights. So many parents worry that their kids are trapped in failing schools or that their kids learn at a different pace than other kids. The My School, My Choice Rally held at the statehouse in support of state funding for charter and e-schools as well voucher programs. David Church brought the family here to protest Governor Ted Strickland's budget proposal which he says eliminates vouchers and restricts charter schools. Governor Strickland wanted more to go towards rebuilding public schools. But House Speaker Jon Husted says his fellow lawmakers put the vouchers back in the budget and now he wants the Senate to support their move. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 9, 2007. Franklin County Tornado Sirens. When Franklin County tests all their tornado sirens at noon every Wednesday, some parts of the county still remain silent. Now that urban sprawl has turned formerly rural areas of Franklin County into subdivisions, that becomes a safety problem. The bigger gap is the southeastern and southwestern part of the county, the sirens are a little fewer and far between. Last year 3 dozen tornadoes touched down in Ohio. In early October an F-2 storm damaged 67 homes in northeast Columbus. Luckily no one was hurt. The sirens were heard, but there was also a lesson to be learned. One of the big things we learned was people stepping outside of their homes, rather than taking immediate shelter. Massive storms, like the Xenia tornado of April 1974 with winds approaching 300 miles an hour and the Van Wert tornado of November 2002 are a reminder of the devastation caused by Ohio tornadoes. 1:39 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 15, 2007. Low-Head Dams. Last Christmas, Craig Wenner and his wife Patricia, took the dog for a walk along the Stillwater River. When the dog jumped into the water near a low-head dam, Patricia tried to save it and was swept under the water. Craig tried to help them both and was drowned too. In April of this year, a Hamilton Firefighter nearly



drowned in a training exercise when his team's boats capsized and he and his team were pulled into the "boil" below a low-head dam. There are dozens of low-head dams in central Ohio. They're on the Scioto, The Olentangy, Alum Creek, the Big Darby almost every waterway. Some are more than a hundred years old. Built for recreation areas, habitat and flood control. They can be 2 stories high or only a foot or two. Either way, the water can be deadly. Watercraft Officer, Jeff Baker says once you're caught in a low-head dam's circulation, the chances of getting out are pretty slim. In the past 5 years, 7 Ohio boaters have died around low-head dams. For 3 of them life jackets weren't enough. 2:21 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 20, 2007. Missing People Race Cars. Thousands of race fans came out to the Toledo Speedway today. But today's race was a little different. The Missing Persons racing network teamed up with the hardcore motor sports and profiled Brian Shaffer and Tony Luzio, Jr. on the hood of their No.8 car. Both fathers of the missing men are appreciative of the efforts and say anything helps. :20 in length

NBC at 5:30, May 21, 2007. Pool Safety. A lot happens before water goes in, city workers are spending a lot of time painting the pools getting ready for the season that opens June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department has 3 pool inspectors. Their goal is to check every pool in the city at least twice during the season. Even apartment complex pools are considered public. If you're getting your own pool ready, the first step is cleaning out all the winter muck. But then the chemicals balance has to be almost perfect so it doesn't irritate your skin. But the Health Department's Inspectors keep track of more than just the water. There are plenty of dangers on the outside of the pool as well. Gates are supposed to be self-closing to a latched position. They're supposed to open outwards so that a child coming up to them will tend to push them shut. If you find a pool that is in less than satisfactory condition, call the city's 311 line or the Health Department. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, June 3, 2007. Locks of Love. Before we get to the actual cut, let me explain how we first met, 2 years ago I did a story with Allison when she first cut her hair for Locks of Love. She not only donated her hair but her Mom and Grandma donated theirs as well, but that was in June of 2005. This time she wanted me to cut it, so I did on Air. It was harder than I thought but finally I got through it. I couldn't let Allison leave like this, so I asked Margaret Gray of Hair Fix, if she'd fix it, for free, Margaret didn't hesitate. Allison's dad died of cancer when she was just a baby and her mom is a cancer survivor. But she does this simply because she cares. Her goal is donate 100 inches to Locks Of love and she's a 4<sup>th</sup> of the way there. :48 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 5, 2007. Heat Death. She said she was mowing the grass and was going to go out and finish mowing the grass. But Sondar McIn never did. Today the small patch of grass left behind her home outside of Lancaster is untouched, the last part the 58 year-old needed to mow before she collapsed. It happened last Thursday. The temperature 89 degrees. Her children tell NBC 4 neighbors found their mother outside the next morning. Today the Fairfield county Coroner's office says her death, was heart relate and that McIn had suffered from heart related problems, a risky combination for anyone dealing with health issues especially this time of the year. Now her children are dealing with suddenly losing a woman they will dearly miss. They hope their story will prevent another family from losing a loved one. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 7, 2007. Lawnmower. 14 year-old Kate Merical was mowing the lawn uphill, when she slipped and the mower rolled back on to her foot. Katie had 2 surgeries and lost part of her foot. Children's Hospital treated at least 2 patients with lawn mower injuries just last week. Doctor Kean says parents should never allow a child to ride on the law mower and kids should say inside when someone is mowing the yard. 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 8, 2007. Gas Price Myths. Lets begin with what some folks are putting in their tanks beside gasoline. There are additives on the market that claim to boost your fuel efficiency. The biggest thing about additives is they can help keep your fuel injections clean which can make minor differences but really there is not a magic pill or magic liquid we can drop into the tank and get better gas mileage. Which drivers are getting the best fuel efficiency, the motorists with their windows down or the folks with the windows up? If your windows are down, it could impact the drag or pull of the car., cutting down on your gas economy. But that theory is a bit flawed when applied to typical driving. Air conditioning sucks away at your efficiency. It may make as much as 15 to 20 % difference in your fuel economy. The best way to improve your mileage is keep you car in good working condition, keep your tires properly inflated and avoid sudden starts and stops. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, June 9, 2007. Local Troops Leaving. They're a Military Police Unit of 150 men and women, the 391<sup>st</sup> Battalion is gearing up for a year deployment to Iraq. Today Governor Ted Strickland was on hand to bid them farewell. Recently the Governor sent 2 letters to the White House requesting assurance that Ohio troops would receive better training and equipment before heading to Iraq or Afghanistan. 1:38 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 9, 2007. Jason Thomas Open House. It was time for people to see in person what they've only seen on TV. The Extreme Makeover House built for former Marine and o11 hero Jason Thomas and his family. The Thomas' say it's been exciting showing folks the house and answering all their questions. But they say there are two questions they've had to



answer all day. "Was the house really built in 7 days" and "did anything fall apart or break yet." You'll have to visit the home for the answers and the Thomas' say you'll have another chance next weekend. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 11, 2007. Overdraft Fees. Everybody knows what happens if you write a check and you don't have quite enough money in your checking account. The check bounces and you get hit with big fees. But you might not know that you can also bounce a check by withdrawing money for an ATM. In the past, the ATM would say "Insufficient Funds" and the store would decline your transaction. But now banks let those transactions sail through and charge bounced check fees also called overdraft fees of \$30 or more. Banks call this "courtesy overdraft protection." Now debit card fees are much more common than bounced check fees. Here is how to prevent these charges. Call you bank and make sure your saving account and credit cards are linked to your checking account. That way, if you do overdraw, you are borrowing your own money instead of the bank's money. The price for this service will be just pennies, rather than a whopper of a \$30 fee. 1:02 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 13, 2007. Post Office Hero. Charles Hacker has walked the route in this Grandview neighborhood for 6 years, but last week he stumbled onto something new and called his supervisor saying he was going to be running a little bit behind because he had found a baby on his route. The 8 month-old was in a car seat, apparently ready to be put in the car, but didn't quite make it. His parents left him behind. So the baby was out in the sun on the sidewalk. Charles picked him up and took him to the shade even splashed some water on him to cool him off. Charles says, ironically, the parents were headed downtown to pick up a copy of the baby's birth certificate. The parents didn't want to talk to us on camera today, they're very thankful that he's the one who found the baby. The police came, Children's Services came and they trusted Charles. He says he knows it was an honest mistake. 1:19 in length

Meet The Press aired Sundays, April-June from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and repeats from 3:30-4:30 a.m.; did not air on April 29; aired on June 10 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Dateline NBC aired Tuesdays, April-May from 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturdays April 7, April 28, May 12 and May 19 from 8:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00-11:00 p.m. on June 23; Sundays in April and June from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Sundays in May from 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 p.m. on May 23, June 20 and June 27; Fridays May 4, May 11, and May 18 from 8:00-10:00 p.m.; Mondays in June from 10:00-11:00 p.m. on June 11 and June 18;

NBC News Special Report: Death of Reverend Jerry Falwell aired on May 15 from 1:37-1:38 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Children's Hunger Alliance

:10 in length

Aired May 5-June 10

Children's Hunger Alliance

:30 in length

Aired April 7 only

Buckeye Ranch/Hoops for Healing

:30 in length

Aired April 3-April 7

Volunteers of America

:15 in length

Aired May 3-May 27

Heritage of Love Concert

:04 in length

Aired April 1-April 12

Heritage of Love Concert

:10 in length

Aired April 1-April 10

Heritage of Love Concert

:15 in length

Aired April 5-April 12

## IX. MINORITY

- NBC 4 at 11, April 18, 2007. KKK Vandals. Tonight a new Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior sign has been erected outside of Zion Baptist Church. During the weekend, someone had painted KKK over the sign near the church, which has a mixed race congregation, and has been part of Chillicothe for nearly 100 years. KKK stands for Ku Klux Klan, but to member of this church, they are not letting any letters stand for hate. :38 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, April 23, 2007. Capt. Scott House Moving. This morning a historic house has a new address. Captain Scott house has been around since 1870 and has always been at State Route 151 and State Route 37 in Alexandria. A few months of fundraising saved the home from demolition. Yesterday crews lifted the house off its foundation and slowly drove it to its new location on Granville Street. :20 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 28, 2007. Heritage Festival. Today students and community members gathered together to celebrate the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Heritage Festival. The event kicked off today with traditional African dancing, a poetry reading and a town hall meeting. The theme for this year's event is "many Roots, One Tree." The festival continues through next Saturday. :19 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, May 6, 2007. Columbus Immigration Rally. Immigration reform is a hot button issue that has recently received a lot of attention following the clash between Los Angeles Police and immigration protestors. Today at the State House people gathered together to support reform that would be fair to immigrants. :15 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 8, 2007. Children Hunger Alliance. More money is on the way to school cafeterias to help kids in Columbus eat healthier meals. 30% of children between the ages of 6 to 11 are overweight and 15% are considered to be medically obese. The Children's Hunger Alliance received the first installment of a half million dollar 3 year grant yesterday. The program will also provide physical activity for students after school. The money comes from the UPS Foundation.
- NBC 4 at 11, May 12, 2007. Mail Food Drive. From mail box to mail box, under the hot sun, letter carrier Jason Fry is making his usual rounds. Today he is carrying extra weight. Letter carriers across the nation spent the morning collecting food for their 15<sup>th</sup> annual food drive. Rocco Evangelista, of the National Association of Letter Carriers stated: "We're doing this at a god time because supplies are starting to dwindle and we can help them stock their shelves." Last year letter carriers in Columbus collected more than 200 thousands pounds of food. :58 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 21, 2007. Immigration Raid. Tonight protestors took to the streets of Painesville, Ohio, following a weekend of immigration raids. Member of the city's large Mexican community are upset. They say agents were bullying them, and were unrelenting. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials say they nabbed criminals and even a sexual offender in the raid and all of the illegal immigrants had immigration violations. :27 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, May 31, 2007. Heat Help. NBC 4 is working for you tonight to help those who need help staying cool this summer. The State's Home Energy Assistance Program kicks off tomorrow. The goal is to provide summer cooling assistance for low-income households and the elderly households with a resident who has a medical condition and meets income qualifications may be eligible for electric bill payment assistance and an air conditioner. :25 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, June 1, 2007. Breathing Association. The Breathing Association is hosting a Health and Energy Fair to kick off the Summer Crisis Program. Storm Team 4 Meteorologist David Trygar is live there with a look at what they have to offer. :11 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, June 5, 2007. Homeless Conference. City and business leaders are talking about how to break the cycle of homelessness in Columbus. More than 750 corporate, civic and government leaders are attending the Mel Schottenstein Birthday Celebration to focus on local initiatives to help Columbus Homeless. At this year's lunch, Mayor Mike Coleman along with the City Council President will announce new steps in their effort to reduce the number of homeless men and women living in camps or on the streets. The luncheon is going on at the Greater Columbus Convention Center until one. :35 in length

### Public Service Announcements

Dia De Los Ninos

:15 in length

Aired April 14-April 23

## X. EMPLOYMENT

NBC 4 at 6, April 1, 2007. Cold Economics. The cold weather these last few days has actually affected our wallets. Heating and cooling experts have both been busy this week, working on air-conditioning early in the week and furnaces the last few days. Even the recent increase in gasoline prices may be partially related to the weather. :15 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 7, 2007. Schulze Bakery Closes. It was one of the last times the register drawer to Schulze's Bakery on Karl Road would close. The owner of the 35 year old business passed away suddenly on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Al Schulze or known to many as "Sonny" ran the business with his 87 year-old father. They made everything from scratch and not a recipe could be found written on paper anywhere. It was all in their heads. He was part of the neighborhood. Regulars and Sonny Schulze's wife couldn't be prouder of her husband. He loved everybody and he was proud of his baking. It was from scratch and all from the heart. :58 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 13, 2007. Owens Corning Layoff. Owens Corning officials announced today they will need to layoff workers. This story from our partners at the Newark Advocate. The company spokesman says the will temporarily suspend production of one of its insulation lines at the Newark Plant. As a result they will layoff 50 to 75 employees for 60 to 90 days coming up in May. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 20, 2007. Bob Evans Closures. Two Bob Evans in Columbus has been closed today, part of a larger plan to close under performing restaurants nationwide. We now know the Bob Evans on Brice Road and on Polaris Parkway have already closed their doors. Around the country 11 have been closed in the last 24 hours. Employees at the closed locations will be given the chance to transfer to other Bob Evans. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 26, 2007. Wendy's Meeting Today. A company in transition touted its ambitious strategic plan to share holders. Leading the rebound for Wendy's, CEO Kerri Anderson. She's cut 100 million from the budget, sold off the money losing Baja Fresh chain and spun off Tim Horton's. Her ingredients for growth call for remodeling restaurants, a new pricing strategy and ten new menu items, some of which are already available. Among the shareholders was a representative of the Humane Society of the United States, which led a brief protest outside the meeting. He's calling for Wendy's to stop buying food from suppliers that keep animals in cages. Wendy's says it has a long standing record supporting humane treatment of animals. :52 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 7, 2007. Ford Plant Closing. Ford Motor Company says it will close its casting plant in Brook Park, Ohio in 2008. That plant is near Cleveland. The plant employs 1,218 hourly and salaried workers. The company also will shutter Cleveland Engine Plant 1 in Brook Park for at least a year starting in 2 weeks. The moves are part of Ford's "Way Forward" restructuring plan in which the company said it would close 16 facilities by 2012. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 11, 2007. Northland Major News. Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman has announced new plans to redevelop the old Northland Mall. Beside the 80 million dollar project which may bring 800 jobs to the region, the anchor store for the complex "Menards" a family owned Wisconsin based home improvement store. The project is expected to be completed by 2009. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 15, 2007. Limited Brands. Two-thirds of the Express brand is being sold to Golden Gate Capital an equity firm, that seeks out struggling companies and tries to help them become more profitable. It recently purchased Eddie Bauer for example. This has been part of a lengthy process and the Limited Brand could be next. Limited's Victoria's Secret and Bath and Body Works are growing while the apparel lines such as Limited and Limited Express are shrinking. One retail analyst told NBC 4 tonight that the company's apparel line is a very mature business and in the name brand clothing industry it's hard to stay popular for a long time. This is part of a Limited's evolution

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 21, 2007. Best Job Market. This year's batch of college graduates faces one of the best job markets in years. A new survey finds that employers plan to hire 20% more new graduates than last year, with some companies even enticing these 20 something's with job perks like flat screen TV's and signing bonuses. Especially hot right now are business, engineering and computer majors. :23 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, June 4, 2007. During the month of May the employers added 157 thousand job to he economy. Keeping the national unemployment rate at a low four point five percent. The labor department says jobs growth was highest in insurance and banking industries while the manufacturing sector was 19 thousand layoffs. :28 length

NBC 4 at 5:30 June 13, 2007 There nothing like on the job training and that is exactly what some elected officials from Columbus and Franklin County Gov. got. Columbus Council members just this week approved more than eight million dollars to expand the city fire training facility. :51 in length

NBC 4 Local Election Coverage aired on May 8 from 7:28-7:58 p.m., 8:14 p.m. for 30 seconds, 9:19 p.m. for 30 seconds, and 10:06 p.m. for 50 seconds

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards-Nominations

:04 in length

Aired May 6-June 27

Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards-Nominations

:15 in length

Aired May 6-June 29

Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards-Nominations

:30 in length

Aired May 11-June 30

## **X1. ENVIRONMENT**

NBC 4 at Midday, April 2, 2007. Landfill Meeting. They are fighting a landfill and are looking for more support. Tonight members of Parents Protecting Children are inviting Galion and Crawford County citizens as well as citizens in Morrow County, and all local officials to come together for a public forum. They meet at 7 at Northmor High School in Galion, Ohio. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 8, 2007. Columbia Gas Mohican. New reports from a State Forestry official says that Columbia Gas may have cut down more trees in the Mohican State Park then originally thought. According to our partners at the Mansfield News Journal, Columbia Gas reported they cut down 60 trees accidentally. But now State Forestry Official David Lytle says there are over a 100 logs laying down on forest property. Columbia Gas says a maintenance crew indented to clear a pipeline right-of-way on private property, but crossed into state property. Columbia Gas apologized for the mistake. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 12, 2007. Morrow County Landfill. Hundreds of people filled into tonight's meeting, many of them carried posters, saying Act Now. The developers have a license from the Morrow County Health Department They also have a "draft" approval for an air permit from the Ohio EPA. The proposed landfill would bring construction debris in by train, which would then be transferred to trucks and dumped in the landfill. People are concerned toxic chemicals from the landfill would leak into well water and into the water supply. The Ohio EPA will now review tonight's comments. As of now there are no further plans for public comment concerning the air permit. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 15, 2007. Smoking Ban Enforcement. The rules for Ohio's new indoor smoking ban should change. The Ohio Department of Health filed a revision to the enforcement rules. One of the changes provides some private clubs an exemption to the ban and clarification that an anonymous complaint alone can't be the basis for a violation. The Joint Committee on Agency Review holds a hearing tomorrow for these proposed changes. It starts at one thirty at the statehouse. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 5, April 19, 2007. Donated Land. When John Bader's wife, Amy became seriously ill, she developed a passion for birds. Her husband John stated: "Before she passed away, I suggest with her agreement we have a nature sanctuary for the birds in central Ohio somewhere to honor her memory." Recently John contributes about 100 acres of land in southern Delaware County to Preservation Parks to provide county residents with passive recreation and promote environment education. Delaware County is so quickly growing and we are losing land rapidly. Rita Au., Exsc/Dir. Of Preservation Parks stated: "Open space and this is just a phenomenal gift to the citizens, current citizens and future citizens, that we will be able to continue to have some open space in the county." 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 6, April 23, 2007. Earth Day Advice. In honor of Earth Day, we'd like to pas along a few hints that will not only help you "be" green but "save" some green too. These are simple things: A lap top is far more energy efficient than a PC. 40% of all energy we suc with electronic appliances happens when they are turned off. But you can plug everything into a



power strip, then turn that off when you aren't using the equipment. Newer Energy Star Appliances use 50% less power than older ones. Keep the fridge thermostat in energy saver mode. Only run the dishwasher when its full and skip the heat drying option and replace your light bulbs. :41 in length

NBC 4 at 8, April 28, 2007. Shred it Day. All of us at NBC 4 are trying to protect you from identity theft. Its Shred it Day and that means hundreds of you will be bringing us all kinds of receipts and documents to get rid of them once and for all. :12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 29, 2007. Hydrant Flushing. Today the city began flushing hydrants on the city's northwest side. During this time the water is your home could become cloudy or rusty, particularly in older neighborhoods. No worries though, the water is safe and should clear up within 24 hours. Just be sure to run your water before doing laundry because the discolored water could stain clothes. :28 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 30, 2007. Darbydale Ammonia Leak. A chemical leak forced the evacuation of hundreds in southern Franklin County last night. Two hundred residents of the Oak Hills mobile home park in Pleasant Township were evacuated. Another 200 people were told to stay inside their homes, to avoid exposure to the anhydrous ammonia, a chemical used by farmers to enrich the soil. A line to a local farmer's anhydrous ammonia tank broke releasing toxic vapors into the air at the nearby trail park, which residents like Justin Chandler could smell. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 5, May 2, 2007. Smoking Ban. The statewide ban effects 280 thousand businesses and public places. It's been in place since December, but starting tomorrow enforcement begins. There have been 18 thousand complaints called in since December, but no fines. The rules: smoking is prohibited, ashtrays must be removed and each business has to post a sign that says no smoking, and has the toll free number to call for violations. Calls to that number are the basis for enforcement. :58 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 4, 2007. Hazardous Waste Drop Off. You're garage is probably cluttered with these things, everything from pain thinner to fluorescent light bulbs. It's all hazardous waste that's hard to get rid of. This weekend there's a place you can dump all that stuff. Tomorrow from \* in the morning until 2 in the afternoon, you can drop off your stuff at the John A. Bishop Bark in Whitehall. But if you miss tomorrow, don't worry, just go to our website and click on featured links for the next date. :25 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 14, 2007. It's About Green. Going Green. The idea of taking steps to preserve and protect our environment. NBC 4 is working for you to help you figure out how you can help. We are launching a new community initiative today called "It's about Green." We'll be bringing you special reports to show you simple and inexpensive ways to go green. We will also dedicate a portion of our website, [www.nbc4i.com](http://www.nbc4i.com) to the project. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 15, 2007. Lead Paint. Lead Paint is poison. Pat Laster found out the hard way when she caught her 3 year-old grandson Devon eating lead paint chips from the windows in her home. The level of lead in his system was beyond dangerous, she says it may even be causing his seizures. After Devon's doctors visit, the city contacted Laster to help remove the lead-based paint from her home. Installing new windows and cabinets, a program called Lead Safe Columbus funds that effort for low income families. Since 1995, it's gotten 11 million dollars from the Federal Government to test and treat more than 11 thousand homes in the city. The average cost for abatement in each home, \$795, and the city says there's so much more work to be done. That's why Columbus is one of several cities suing the manufacturers of lead based paint to get them to help eradicate the poison, and in the process it wants the backing of local citizens like Laster. :54 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 17, 2007. Recycling Drop Boxes. Mayor Coleman, SWACO and Columbus Public schools are teaming up to get green with more neighborhood recycling drop boxes. The Mayor, School Superintendent Dr. Gene Harris and SWACO visited with local 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at Georgian Heights Alternative Elementary this morning. They announced a plan to more than double the number of neighborhood recycling drop offs bins in Columbus. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 11, May 19, 2007. Ash Borer in Worthington. The first case of Emerald Ash Borer in the state this year found here in central Ohio. Franklin County is now under quarantine after the Department of Agriculture found the bug in an ash tree at the intersection of Larrimer and Shreiner West. The city of Worthington now must decide how to fight the bug. :18 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, May 23, 2007. First Air Quality Alert. During the warm months, bright sunshine can create a chemical change in some of the gases polluting our air that come from our vehicles, creating an unhealthy stew that includes ozone, and when a temperature inversion traps some of the ozone, the air around us becomes unhealthy. When the air quality index rises above 100 like today, the Columbus area is placed under an air quality alert. Last year we had 6 ozone days, but if our weather stays hot and dry, we will exceed that total. There are ways you can help reduce ozone when the air quality index reaches unhealthy levels and also protect the environment. Walk or ride instead of driving to reduce auto emissions. Take the bus or

carpool. Don't refuel or mow until after 6 in the evening. Lawn mowers are actually much worse than cars when it comes to pollution. To prove that these conservation ideas work, there is some good news, in the past 3 years ozone pollution is actually diminishing in Center Ohio. 1:04 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, May 26, 2007. Ogden Avenue Clean Up. It's easy to talk about improving your neighborhood but it takes a lot more to actually get up and do something. Today residents of Ogden Avenue did just that with their neighborhood cleanup. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the Ogden clean up. The area covers 110 homes between the area of Eaken Road and Sullivant Avenue. This year over 30 neighbors participated and 45 bags of trash were cleaned up. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, May 30, 2007. Bad Restaurants. China Dynasty on East Dublin-Granville Road, and award winning restaurant chosen by consumers, but a January visit from the Columbus Health Department has China Dynasty on probation. At today's hearing, inspectors say they discovered critical violations such as improper hand washing, storage and sanitation issues, insect and rodent droppings, even a can of motor oil stored with clean utensils. Five inspections later and the Health Officials say many problems have not been corrected. China Dynasty managers say they have had a high employee turnover. They told officials they have attended food safety classes and are training the new staff members. A yellow inspection sticker for uncorrected critical violations will go up on the restaurant and on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the Health Department will make a final decision. Later today, the owners of La Michocana at 7370 Sawmill Center will also have a hearing for several violations which include insect and rodent droppings, storage problems, lack of food safety knowledge and sanitation issues. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, May 31, 2007. Rain Barrels. In a good rain, hundreds of gallons of water may run off your roof, if you catch it, you can re-use it. Susan Michael Barrett installed a rain barrel a few years ago. She says a quarter inch rain gives her about 160 gallons of water to use for her plants and trees, plus, she says the land can help clean the water before it makes it to the watershed. Storm water that runs off, directly into the storm drains can carry that oil from your driveway or fertilizers from your law, and that ends up in the rivers untreated. Rain barrels are simple to install. Local watershed groups even have workshops to show you how to get it done. Using rain water can save on your utility bill and if enough of us do it, it can actually save tax dollars. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 1, 2007. Ash Borer. A tiny bug has invaded 28 Ohio Counties, destroying thousands of trees in the process. Twelve Ash trees in one Worthington neighborhood are showing signs of Ash borer infestation. They create tiny D shaped hole and kill the tree. In the past few years the insect has also been found in Westerville and Easton. Now the city of Columbus is worried about it's twelve thousand Ash trees. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 2, 2007. Bad Weather Damage. Rain and thunder roared through Columbus drenching neighborhoods. Kelly Foster says she now has to figure out how to clean up her mess after one of today's strongest storm cells moved through her front yard. Just down the road Kelvin Smith is trying to figure out how his neighbors will clean up their own tree. The wind estimated between 40-50 miles per hour blew through quickly. 1:02 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, June 5, 2007. Green Business Conference. Columbus City Officials are working to go green, they've created a Green Team. This morning Mayor Mike Coleman spoke at the Green Business Mid-Year Conference at the Columbus Police Academy. The Mayor says that Columbus Government cannot afford expensive gasoline and is exploring several alternative in fueling its vehicles. They showed off several cars and vans fueled by E-85, diesel, bio-diesel and compressed natural gas. He encouraged the other businesses at the conference to explore green alternatives. :31 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 5, 2007. West Nile and Mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are dirty little critters. They can carry the West Nile Virus, among other things. To reproduce all they need is a little bit of stagnant water and about a week. The city of Columbus plans to start mosquito fogging just before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Pickerington will start tomorrow, June 6. Scrap tires are perfect breeding grounds. So are tarps and even bags, like these because they can collect water. But they're not the only bugs to avoid. High grass is great for ticks. Ticks burry their heads in your skin and suck blood. If you find one on you, pull it out with tweezers and be sure to get all of it. Pets are just as susceptible as we are. Mosquitoes can give the West Nile Virus also. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 6, 2007. Wild Bear East Bees. Daisy Wilkins has had some sleepless nights. Since the 26<sup>th</sup> something has been tearing up Daisy's farm. Daisy's neighbor rigged up a motion camera and one night it got a picture of the culprit. A big black bear. Daisy says it usually travels with its cub. The hungry animals have made a mess of her beehives. It hit the neighbors hen house, grabbing the eggs and was seen dragging a garbage can down the road. Daisy is worried that once it is done with the bees, it has plenty to munch on in her yard. Legally Daisy can't pull the trigger, but if somebody else does? :51 in length

NBC 4 at 6, June 7, 2007. Water Testing Update. Kids are getting out of school, and anxious for the summer swimming season to begin. At local State Parks, officials are testing the water to make sure the beaches at Delaware and Alum Creek are

safe. Last month NBC 4 took samples from those waters and had a local lab test for 3-coli and other things that could make you sick. The Ohio Health Department would not post warning signs as a result of our test, but did issue an advisory. Then the state did its own lab work and determined the water is fine. :31 in length

NBC 4 at 11, June 10, 2007. Marion County Poisoning. Emergency responders arrived at this house on North Prospect Street in Marion at about 8:30 Saturday night. Here they found 40 year-old Tim Sparks and his wife, 38 year-old Amy Sparks unconscious. Over come by carbon monoxide. Investigator say the house had no electricity so the sparks had a generator running in the basement. Lt. Ralph says a carbon monoxide reading of 35-parts per million is hazardous. He says a detector maxed out at 1000-parts per million inside the Spark's home. He says each home should have a carbon monoxide detector and a generator should be kept outside the home. :59 in length

Storm Team 4: Severe Weather Survival Guide aired on April 4 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

4 Your Garden with Tom McNutt Spring Edition aired on April 25 from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and was re-broadcast on April 27 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado Warnings in Pike County aired on April 26 from 7:30-8:14 p.m., 8:17-8:45 p.m., 8:54-9:00 p.m., 9:13-9:14 p.m., 9:32-9:33 p.m., and 9:49-9:50 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Summer Crisis Program (The Breathing Association)  
:04 in length  
Aired June 4-June 15

Summer Crisis Program (The Breathing Association)  
:10 in length  
Aired June 6-June 29

Summer Crisis Program (The Breathing Association)  
:15 in length  
Aired June 1-June 30

Summer Crisis Program (The Breathing Association)  
:20 in length  
Aired June 5-June 13

## **XII. CULTURAL ARTS**

NBC 4 at 5, April 4, 2007. Ohio State Fair Concert. It may feel more like winter tonight, but here's a sign of summer, The Ohio State Fair has announced their concert lineup. A real treat for country fans, as two legends, George Jones and Merle Haggard team up for one show. There's something for high school musical and nickelodeon fans, a concert featuring Corbin Bleu, Drake Bell and Jordan Pruitt. :33 in length

NBC 4 at 11, April 11, 2007. OSU Celebration. They won, so they came, some 4 thousand Ohio State Fans showed up to celebrate a season. That "I more year" talk of course pointed at freshmen Greg Oden and Mike Conley, will they return for their sophomore seasons or enter the NBA draft. Neither player tipping their hand to the crowd. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, April 13, 2007. Al Rosa Shooting Event. The brutal attack by a gunman at the Al Rosa back in December 2004 is now chronicled in a new book. Four men were killed including heavy metal guitarist Darrell Abbott during a concert. The book, a vulgar display of power, courage and carnage at the Al Rosa Villa, details the lives of those killed. Tonight there's a special book signing at the Al Rosa by the author Chris and Officer James Niggemeyer. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 14, 2007. Real World Casting Call. All of these TV hopefuls between the ages of 18 and 24 think they have something to offer the reality show that features 7 strangers who spend 5 months living and working together. Casting directors hi over 20 cities to find the right bunch. Those here today had to fill out an application, bring a recent photo and take part in an interview. Those auditioning say they have what it takes. 1:21 in length

- NBC 4 at 6, Weekend Edition, April 28, 2007. Columbus Academy Antique Show. Today central Ohioans had the chance to get their antiques appraised. The Columbus Academy hosted their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Show. Everything from historic furnishings to estate jewelry filled both gymnasiums. :15 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 10, 2007. Cirque De Solci. It was a brawl free zone at the opening night of Cirque De Solei's Corteq at the Ohio Expo Center. Artistic Director Richard Dagenais says this year's Cirque De Solei will feature some new elements that you've never seen before. He says they've taken the discipline that you seen in the Olympics and the normal circus and combined it and gave it a twist. :20 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 14, 2007. King Arts Complex. Coming up this weekend, a very special event at the Kings Art Complex, a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala called the Soulebration. :18 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 18, 2007. Cultural Fest. A busy weekend downtown, the Annual Culture Fest is going on at Marconi Boulevard. So if you're heading downtown remember Marconi Boulevard is closed to traffic between Long and Broad Streets thru 3 AM. Traffic will still be maintained to the Federal Courthouse and the Central Police Headquarters from Long Street and Marconi Boulevard. :20 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 18, 2007. Cheese Festival. There's a great event tomorrow in the heart of Ohio's Amish Country, and if you love cheese, you'll love this. The Heini's first Annual Ohio Cheese Festival. Start the morning off with fresh coffee and fresh baked goods from Kauffman's Amish Bakery and the famous fried pies from Valley View Community Church. The choice of food is spectacular. :46 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 21, 2007. Utica Ice Cream Festival. The summer travel season kicks off next weekend with Memorial Day and what better way to start things off than with a stop at Ye Old Mill in Utica to enjoy the Ohio Fashioned Ice Cream Festival. :23 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 24, 2007. Asian Festival. For years the Asian Festival has united many cultures here in Columbus and this year the event will again feature colorful entertainment, terrific food and fun activities from 15 ethnic groups. Focus this year is China/India, a ten foot dragon head dance and Sepak Takraw, a 500 year old game. :29 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, May 27, 2007. Asian Festival. This Memorial Weekend, hundreds came out to learn more about the Asian culture. The annual Asian Festival was this weekend at Franklin Park, people enjoyed entertainment, great food and cultural displays from numerous Asian countries. :18 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, May 28, 2007. Powwow . Also going on today, get a glimpse of native American Life. The Selma Walker Memorial Powwow is going on at the Franklin County Fairgrounds today. That's on Columbia Street in Hilliard. You can enjoy Native American dancing, music, arts, crafts and food. :16 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, June 4, 2007. Arts Festival. The Annual Columbus Arts Festival starts on Thursday and once again we here at the NBC 4 are proud to be sponsor of the event. It's actually the 46<sup>th</sup> year for the Arts Festival. More than 270 juried artists from all over the country will be setting up booths on the Riverfront. Entertainment and different kids of food and drink will also be available. :21 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, June 8, 2007. Arts Festival Painter. Even from a distance, you can tell right away that this artist loves sports. Eric Dowdle is from Utah, but he travels all across the country painting famous sports fields and stadium, his biggest sellers. I looked and looked for the stadium closest to my heart but couldn't find it, so I had to ask. Sure enough here it is, You even see touchdown Jesus, and he does have the Irish beating the bucks. The score 50-0!! Believe it or not Eric likes Columbus and even sees it in his future. :30 in length

An American Anthem aired on May 27 from 2:30-3:30 a.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Working 4 You Community Calendar

:30 in length

Aired April 1-June 30

Broadway Across America/Spelling Bee

:15 in length

Aired April 1-April 28



Columbus Arts Festival Volunteer Solicitation  
:10 in length  
Aired April 3-April 25

Business Arts Partnership Awards Luncheon  
:15 in length  
Aired April 1-April 15

Business Arts Partnership Awards Luncheon  
:30 in length  
Aired April 1-April 14

Business Arts Partnership Awards Winners  
:15 in length  
Aired April 17-May 1

The Journey Home Fund-raiser  
:04 in length  
Aired April 1-May 4

The Journey Home Fund-raiser  
:10 in length  
Aired April 1-May 3

Dining by Design (Benefits Columbus AIDS Task Force)  
:20 in length  
Aired April 17-May 10